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Grant Opportunity: UAHS Research Bridge Funding Program

The Office of the Senior Vice President for Health Sciences (SVPHS) and Deans of the UAHS Colleges (Medicine in Tucson and Phoenix, Pharmacy, Nursing and Public Health) are pleased to announce a new program designed to “bridge” research faculty investigators as they pursue additional extramural funding. This program will provide funding in support of UAHS faculty to span the gap in innovative and significant research projects.

The **UAHS Research Bridge Funding Program**, administered by the Office of the Senior Vice President for Health Sciences, is intended to bridge funds to minimize disruption of existing research projects that have temporarily lost external funding but show high promise of success in the next round of competitive review.

Available Funding:

The maximum award for Bridge Funding is not to exceed \$6,000/month for 12 months (\$72,000/year).

Funding will be provided to the awardee in matching contributions by UAHS, the College, and (where applicable) the awardees’ home Department and/or Center.

Funding support will be provided monthly, for a maximum of one year, and end at the start of any renewed or new extramural funding.

The program anticipates supporting up to five (5) investigators for Bridge Funding each year in academic/fiscal year 2017 (7/1/16 to 6/30/17) and 2018 (7/1/17 to 6/30/18).

Specific Requirements and Research Objectives:

Eligibility:

Applications will be accepted from faculty who hold a regular and primary appointment (i.e., tenured, tenure-track and non-tenure-track research and clinical faculty) from any of the five health sciences colleges.

- Applicants must show evidence of an independent research program and have no current major funding (e.g., NIH-R01, P01, U01; NSF; DOD; VA Merit Review Award).

- Applicants must have applied for renewal (or foundation funding) in support of this project (i.e., pending grant application) and received a score from the major funding agency (e.g., a scored competitive renewal application for NIH-R01 grant).
- Applicants must have shown consistent research productivity during the past and current years.

Application Process:

- Submit a brief letter (1 page) describing the reason for the request (and benefits of the funding to the Department and the College).
- Documentation of relevant grant scores, grant review comments (and current pay-line information of the funding agency).
- “Other Support” information including current, pending and past grants. The investigator who has a current major grant (e.g., NIH R01) is not qualified to receive Bridge Funding.
- A copy of latest CV and a copy of NIH biosketch.
- A copy of the entire pending grant application.
- **Please consolidate all documents (except the pending grant application) into one PDF file and submit the application package (along with the pending grant application) electronically (<http://azicats.uahs.arizona.edu/funding-opportunity/bridge-funding-program>)**

Review and Selection Process:

- Likelihood to obtain major external funding in the near future.
- Priority score and percentile score of the renewal application.
- Scientific soundness of the research project in the renewal application.
- Research productivity of the applicant.
- Contribution of the applicant to the UAHS mission of teaching, research and service.

Priority will be given to investigators with expired NIH funding who have a favorable probability to renew the major external funding.

Terms of Award:

- Bridge Funding cannot be used for faculty’s salary, but is allowed for salary support of lab research personnel or study coordinators, lab supplies, animals, equipment and service contracts.
- The maximal award for Bridge Funding is not to exceed \$6,000/month for 12 months (\$72,000/year).
- Only one award per investigator will be provided within a five-year period.
- The support will be provided monthly, for a maximum of one year, and end at the start of any renewed or new funding.
- If the applicant misses the deadline for grant resubmission as stated in the application, Bridge Funding may be withdrawn and a written explanation will be required.

- If the applicant receives major external funding from any sources (e.g., NIH, NSF, NASA, DOD, VA), the remaining Bridge Funding will be returned to the SVPHS office immediately.

Deadlines:

July 1, 2016 and **Dec. 1, 2016** for FY 2017 funding cycle

Funding start dates:

Aug. 1, 2016 for the July 1 deadline applications

Jan. 1, 2017 for the December 1 deadline applications

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