A primary goal of the College of Medicine is to support and strengthen the research capabilities of its faculty. The purpose of this program is to support investigators with established clinical or basic research programs during periods when a competitive renewal was not funded.

Eligibility
Bridge-funding awards are targeted to provide interim support for research programs when a full indirect cost-bearing competitive renewal or “next stage” is not funded. Tenured and non-tenured faculty members are eligible. Examples of eligible grants include competing RO1 and NSF renewals and new RO1 resubmissions that were initiated by an RO3, R21, or K award. Research programs funded by pilot-project grants, infrastructure (e.g., core and instrumentation) grants, training, foundation and VA awards, and industrial research contracts are ineligible. Principal investigators with substantial funding from other sources or reserves are not eligible.

Funding
Bridge-funding awards will not exceed $60,000. Awards will be co-funded by equal contributions from the Dean’s office and the Department where the original award was assigned. If a Department is unable to identify matching funds, the Chairman can petition the Dean’s office to investigate alternative sources for matching funds. The award period will be for one year. Only one such award will be given during the renewal period of a specific grant. Funds may be used for all normal research activities except principal investigator salary or travel.

Submission and Review
Applications should be submitted in a single PDF format by email to the office of the Senior Associate Dean for Research, in the College of Medicine. Applications will be reviewed by the Bridge-Funding Committee. Recommendations by the Bridge-Funding Committee will be forwarded to the Dean of the College of Medicine for final decision. The primary consideration for making an award is the likelihood that the interim bridge-funds will lead to reestablishing extramural support for the grant that has lapsed in funding.

Bridge-Funding Application (combine into one PDF)
- Cover Letter.
- Letter of Support from the Departmental Chair that includes a matching-funds commitment.
- Budget outlining the amount and intended use of the requested bridge-funds.
- Current NIH Biosketch for PI and Key Personnel.
- Introduction to the revised application that includes: concerns identified by the review panel; progress since the original submission; and specific changes to be included in the revised application that address the concerns as outlined in the critique or summary statement. This document should be similar to that submitted with the revised application, and conform to the length requirements of that organization.
- Copy of the competitive renewal critique or summary statement.
- Research Plan and Specific Aims of the original renewal application.

Contact Information

1. Applicants (PI) Name and Credentials: ________________________________________________________________
   (i.e. James Smith, M.D., Ph. D.)
2. Project Name/Title:__________________________________________________________

3. Department Chair: __________________________________________

4. Division Chair (if applicable):__________________________

5. Department Business Administrator/Manager: ________________
Deadlines
Application deadlines will be April 15th, August 15th, and December 15th of each year.

Progress Report
A progress report (one page) is required for all bridge-funding applications, at the completion of the grant period. The report should be submitted to both the Senior Associate Dean for Research and the Departmental Chair. The report should include progress made in addressing the original concerns identified by the review panel, new publications, and the status of the revised application.

Bridge-Funding Review Committee
The Committee will be chaired by the Senior Associate Dean for Research. The membership will be composed of senior faculty members from the College of Medicine who have a long history of extramural funding and extensive peer-review experience. The Committee membership will reflect the diversity of research within the College of Medicine and draw upon faculty members from both basic science and clinical departments.