

# Creighton University School of Medicine Guidelines

GUIDELINE: Bridge Funding

GOVERNING BODY: Executive Committee

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## **PURPOSE**

Bridge funding may be awarded to tenured/tenure track faculty with high potential for obtaining extramural research funding to “bridge” the gap between an expired extramural award and a potential extramural award.

## **GUIDELINE**

Funding may be requested by the faculty member to, for example, address weakness in the research identified by a federal review panel, to generate preliminary data needed for grant submissions, or to maintain research capabilities necessary for their future research funding. This funding may be requested by the faculty member to maintain experienced personnel or for limited supply/other expenses.

## **SCOPE**

All School of Medicine tenured or tenure track full-time faculty are eligible.

## **PROCEDURE**

Before bridge funding requests are considered by the SOM, other sources of funding, such as those listed below, should be considered:

1. Start-up funds
2. PI-specific research indirect cost recovery or other internal funds set aside for the PI during the research incentive award process.
3. Department specific funds available to the Chair for strategic investment in faculty research activities.

Requests for bridge funding should be no more than 50% of the average direct funding over the last 5 fiscal years with a cap of \$100,000. Individual faculty are eligible for consideration of bridge funding no more than 2 times per 10 years. Exceptions may be made in a case-by-case basis. Bridge funding consideration is expected to involve discussions between the faculty member, chair, and the Associate Dean for Research. An ad-hoc committee made up of the Associate Dean for Research, the Associate Dean for Academic and Faculty Affairs, the Associate Dean for Clinical Research, and the School of Medicine Chief Financial Officer will consider the request for bridge funding and make a recommendation to the Dean, who will decide upon the request.

## **ADMINISTRATION AND INTERPRETATIONS**

This guideline is the under the authority of the Associate Dean for Research.