

## **Bridge Research Awards 2018-19**

### Objective

Provide investigators in the Department of Biomedical Science (BMS) in the Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine with opportunities to maintain continuity of their research programs during a gap in funding. Cross-disciplinary collaboration bringing new expertise and complementary approaches is strongly encouraged to increase the likelihood of extramural funding.

### Availability of Funds/Award Period

Awards of up to \$20,000 will be provided for 1 year while renewed support is actively pursued. Awards are contingent upon the availability of funding and the quality of applications received.

### Eligibility

Bridge research awards are intended to provide temporary support to BMS investigators whose funding has recently ended while they actively submit for new extramural funding. The investigator requesting the bridge funds must have exhausted all other funding sources and be eligible to apply for grants.

### Application Requirements

A. Project Information Investigator Name, Title, Email, Phone

#### B. Brief summary of

- Recent submissions: RFA or PAR number, title and type of grant, date of submission, critiques and PI responses to critiques
- Upcoming submissions: RFA or PAR number, title and type of grant, planned submission date

#### C. Project Details (max 6 pages)

- Title
- Abstract
- Aims
- Strategies to address reviewer comments

D. Budget Include a budget breakdown of non-faculty personnel support, lab supplies and animal costs if applicable.

E. Regulatory Documents (e.g. IACUC, IBC, IRB) Include a copy of the relevant approval for this project. Proof of IACUC, IRB and IBC approval must be obtained prior to the awarding of these funds. Delay in providing this documentation may result in a loss of award. If no regulatory approval is needed for your project or it is currently pending, please indicate in your application.

F. Current Biosketch required for PI(s).

### Guidelines

- Font Arial, 11 pt, Margins 0.5 inch for top & bottom, right & left, single-spaced, adhere to page limitations.

- Submit all required documentation as one pdf, in a single email to Melanie Weiss, [mweiss@health.fau.edu](mailto:mweiss@health.fau.edu), 561-297-4557. Please contact Melanie if you have any questions during the application process.
- **Applications will be considered on a rolling basis.**
- If other grant funding is received, the bridge funding will stop.
- At 6 months, awardees will be asked about their grant submission activity. A final progress report is due 45 days after the end of award.

#### Review Criteria

Applications will be peer-reviewed. Awards will be based on scientific merit, responsiveness to reviewer concerns and the perceived likelihood that the bridge funding will assist the investigator in attracting future NIH or similar funding. All applicants will receive feedback on their proposals.