



Office of the Vice President  
for Research

## Memorandum

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**To:** All Faculty and Staff subscribed to the ERA listserv

**From:** Michele Masucci  
Vice President for Research

**Subject:** Office of the Vice President for Research 2021 Bridge Research Program

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Dear Colleagues,

The Bridge Research Program sponsored through the Office of the Vice President for Research (OVPR) provides financial support for an investigator's existing research work when all external funding sources are expended. These funds are issued to continue daily operations of a research laboratory or program while external support is being reviewed or pursued.

Bridge funding must be used in a strategic and coordinated way to maintain research laboratory or program momentum while assuring effective use of limited resources. It is expected that all discretionary monies available to an investigator will be expended before requesting and using funds provided through this program.

Applications for the current cycle may be submitted **now** and will be accepted through **3/19/21**. Submitted bridge requests will be reviewed as they are received in order to expedite continuity for research programs. Investigators will use [TU InfoReady to submit bridge funding requests](#).

### Overview

***One-year bridge research awards of up to \$35,000 will be available as matching support for equivalent funds being provided by the principal investigator's (PI) department or cognizant School/College Dean for a maximum of \$70,000 for eligible PIs.***

Appropriate criteria for bridge research requests include:

- Retention of key personnel;
- Performance of limited laboratory or other research activity to allow accumulation of new data essential to renew a source of external funding;

- Prevention or mitigation of major disruptions in the continuation of research activities that would negatively impact the ability to secure continuation funding from external sponsors or meet major milestones in the accomplishment of your work.

### **Application/Review Process**

Each academic unit is responsible for developing its own process for considering bridge funding requests internally. **Bridge Research Program requests must have the approval of the investigator's Chair/Director and Dean through completion of the online forms.** Bridge grant proposals need to be submitted through the [Temple InfoReady](#) website. Your dean or dean's designee must approve the submission and provide the required matching funds to be eligible for support from the Office of the Vice President for Research.

Bridge research funding is intended to **extend externally funded research projects only**. Support for pilot studies or other unfunded research will not be considered.

As part of Temple University's support for funded investigators whose work has been impacted by disruptions due to the university ramp down and ramp up of research in response to COVID – 19, additional considerations will be made to provide continuity for a PI's program of research.

Requests for bridge research funding should include the following:

- Statement of need, along with a plan to seek funding from external sponsors;
- Detailed budget and budget justification;
- Investigator's biosketch, including other support information;
- Previously submitted unfunded proposal(s), along with reviewer comments, if applicable;
- Statement of COVID-19 impacts to funding continuity, if applicable.

The OVPR Bridge Research Program will only support projects with a high likelihood of continued funding by the sponsor. This program **will not** support projects that have either received a poor score from an external sponsor or have reached the allowable number of submissions without receiving funding.

Approved bridge research funding will cease upon either the start date of the external award or notification that the final round of funding requests was not awarded.

Please direct all inquiries to Rosemary C. Dillon at [dillon@temple.edu](mailto:dillon@temple.edu).

Current updates from Temple's Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) website can be found [here](#) and continued research operations updates can be found [here](#).

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