Department of Medicine (DOM) Research Bridge Program

Program:
The purpose of the Research Bridge Program is to preserve the capacity of our faculty to do research. The DOM will provide bridging support on a competitive basis for investigators during this constrained period of research funding that has been accentuated by Sequestration. Support from this program should be applied only to salary for research staff (technician, PA, postdoctoral fellow, graduate student), service contracts, animals, and supplies. Applications to this program should be made by the faculty member; a letter from the researcher’s Division Head is an essential component of the application. Applications will be reviewed by a committee of senior faculty in the DOM.

Eligibility:
Overall Requirements:
- DOM faculty member whose indirect costs have been or will be assigned to the DOM.
- Assistant, Associate, or Full Professors are eligible.
- Prior application to the SOM Bridge Funding Program is required during the previous 12 months, regardless of the funding decision of the SOM Program.
- Investigators with current research support from any source that totals less than $75,000 (exclusive of PI salary).
- An unsuccessful applicant for this support can re-apply once.
- Only one renewal will be considered.

Early Investigators
- Early investigators are Assistant Professors who have not been a PI on an independent NIH or VA grant (career development awardees are eligible).
- Completion of 3 years of start-up funding.
- The applicant must have received a critique for a career development or investigator-initiated proposal.
- The letter of support from the Division Head should include a description of the mentoring plan, the start-up support provided for the applicant, assurance of protected time to complete the research with appropriate allocation of salary support, and a commitment of $25,000 of divisional funds to support the proposed research.

Established Investigators
- Previously funded investigators who have sustained a complete loss of a major independent grant (or will do so within the next 3 months) are eligible to apply.
- “Loss of major grant funding” pertains to loss of any type of independent research funding based on national competitive peer review, not just that from the NIH.
- The letter of support from the Division Head should include assurance of protected time to complete the research with appropriate allocation of salary support, and a commitment of $25,000 of divisional funds to support the proposed research.
Application Process and Material:
1. The DOM Research Bridging Program will use the same applications as the Bridge Program in SOM (http://www.ucdenver.edu/academics/colleges/medicalschool/research/researchdevelopment/Pages/BridgeFunding.aspx).
2. The most relevant and most recent peer review of the research.
3. A summary of the outcome from the SOM Bridge Program review.
4. Division head letter of support.

Availability and Allocation of Funds:
• Up to $75,000 will be awarded to each applicant.
• If the applicant is successful in obtaining outside funding within the first 6 months of this award, the unused funds will be relinquished to the Department and Division proportionately.
• All research funds will be administered by the Department and must be used in a way consistent with University policy.
• The funds may not be used to expunge previous deficits.

Research Bridge Program Application and Funding Cycles:
Cycle 1:
• Application Deadline: September 1 (no later than 5 PM MT)
• Award Notifications: October 1
Cycle 2:
• Application Deadline: February 1 (no later than 5 PM MT)
• Award Notifications: March 1

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