VPR RESEARCH BRIDGE PROGRAM

Objective: To provide short-term, limited financial support when externally funded research programs have experienced a temporary funding gap. Funds are intended to maintain research programs at a minimum “essential” level for a limited time to facilitate success in re-securing external funding.

Important Facts and Reminders:

- Open-ended application deadline
- Tenured/Tenure Track and Research faculty with an established record of externally funded research programs on the WL campus are eligible to apply
- To be eligible, all unrestricted startup funds must have been expended
- 1:1 match is required (Dept expected to be primary source of match whenever possible)
- Required documents for the submission are:
  1. A brief description of the research program and explanation of need including the following: past record of external funding, efforts underway to secure external funding beyond the bridge, if sponsor reviews have been received, a 1 page response to those reviews indicating how the proposal will be modified to respond to reviewers’ comments;
  2. Budget. Work with your departmental business manager and use the template provided on the VPR website. The departmental business manager must sign and approve the budget form.
     [http://www.purdue.edu/research/vpr/bridgefunding/]
  3. A letter or e-mail from the department head confirming the matching funds provided by the unit, an explanation of how the research program fits the unit’s priorities, an assessment of the budget, an assessment of the PI’s ability to attain continuation or new funding to sustain or extend activities;
  4. An endorsement from the Dean indicating he is aware of the request, concurs with the Head’s assessment, and confirming matching funds, if any, provided by the college.

Required Submission Process:

- PI’s should first discuss any requests with department head
- Department head should provide an initial assessment of whether the request seems to fit the intent of the program
- If yes, department head will direct PI to work with the business manager to complete the required budget template. The budget and the items described in #1 above should be submitted to the department head
- If the department head endorses the request, the required forms should be forwarded electronically or hard copy to Joe Francisco, Associate Dean for Research, with a copy to Mary Bell, Assistant Director of financial Affairs for Research (contact info is below)
- If the Dean endorses the request, Mary Bell will attach all the required documents and submit the request via the VPR’s electronic submission form. She will send a confirmation of the submission to the department head and PI.

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