

Tulane School of Medicine Faculty Bridge Funds

Submission Deadline: Monday, June 30, 2025

Objective: The School of Medicine Bridge Program provides **one-time** support in the amount of \$25,000 to assist investigators in establishing or re-establishing external funding of projects which have already undergone external peer review.

Who is Eligible:

- SOM Bridge support is restricted to Faculty whose primary appointments are in the School of Medicine and whose primary laboratory is in the downtown Tulane campus.
- These Principal Investigators should have submitted a project for external review and have received critiques within the last year (No earlier than the first study section cycle in 2024.)
- Priority is given to Principal Investigators who are striving to establish or re-establish funding and have already submitted grants for extramural funding from major funding organizations. (ex. NIH, NSF, DOD, VA, et al).
- The Committee will review all internal (including startup funds, COBRE, LA CaTS, and SOM and University pilot/bridge funding) and external funding when making funding determinations.

Expense Categories Eligible for Assistance:

- i. Salaries/Benefits for research support personnel
- ii. Supplies and Equipment
- iii. Animal Care
- iv. Publication and/or Travel expenses up to a maximum of \$1,000

Bridge Program support may not be used for:

- i. PI and co-PI salaries (including Summer salaries)
- ii. Budget overdrafts on other projects
- iii. Administrative Costs

Instructions for Submission. PLEASE READ:

1. A cover letter summarizing:
 - A. Title of the project and Name of Principal Investigator
 - B. Principal Investigator's funding history.
 - C. Need for Bridge Fund support and a description of plans to re-submit application.
 - D. A letter of support from the Department Chair addressing whether the department/section have available reserve funding, and can match the award (e.g., for every \$1 from dean, dept/sect commits to \$1). Matching is strongly encouraged, but not a requirement.
2. Copy of the Specific Aims.
3. Copy of last critique of grant application (which should have been reviewed within the first study sections' cycle of 2024).
4. A one page explanation/description of how you're planning to address the issues raised in your critique.
5. NIH- or NSF-style Biographical Sketch.
6. Detailed list of **all internal and external funding** of the past five (5) years - **include project title, source of funding, amount of award, and duration of award.**
7. List of all current pending awards.

9. Budget Request and Justification.

10. Submit your entire application in ONE .pdf file labeled with your last name first, then first name.

Example: LamppMarlaBridgeFund.pdf

Deadline for submission:

E-mail required .pdf file **with the e-mail subject header labeled “BRIDGE FUND APPLICATION”** to:

Marla Lampp, mlampp@tulane.edu, by Monday, June 30, 2025.

Mechanism for review:

Applications will be reviewed by The SOM Research Advisory Committee. Priority will be given to applications with a high impact score and lack of alternative funding.

Post Award Activities:

Awardees must resubmit their amended application or submit a new application within one year of receiving bridge funding.

Any questions or concerns can be directed to **Marla Lampp, mlampp@tulane.edu, or 988-9128.**