

Dean's NIH Bridge Program

Program Description

The increased competition for NIH funding has produced lower pay lines at all NIH institutes. These lower pay lines mean that Miller School faculty will likely need additional application cycles in order to be successful in obtaining new NIH awards and competitive renewals. These gaps in funding may put research programs at risk, many of which have taken significant resources and years to build.

In order to maintain the continuity of our outstanding research programs, a pool of resources is available to sustain research that is competitive for NIH funding. These funds are available for up to 1 year while renewed support is pursued.

Eligibility

- All full-time Faculty at all levels (tenured, non-tenured, research track, clinical educator, Assistant; Associate; and Full Professors levels) that hold a primary appointment at the Miller School.
- The applicant has been the PI on an NIH R01 or P-type grant application. P-type grants will be considered, but only the research related sub-projects are eligible for consideration.
- The applicant's most recently submitted NIH R01 or P-type grant application must not have been funded.
- The applicant's most recently submitted NIH R01 or P-type application scored within 15% of the pay line.
- Any PI incentive program dollars and/or no-cost extension funds are exhausted.

Award Term

The funding period is one year.

Budget and Budget Justification

Dean's NIH Bridge grants typically support a percentage of the first year original budget minus the following items: faculty salary, graduate student stipend(s), travel, conferences, publications, personal computers and equipment. The Dean's NIH Bridge grants are intended to be flexible and can be used to fit a variety of scientific needs, including salaries for technical personnel (*support for faculty salary and graduate student stipends are not permitted, but the percent effort can be included in the budget section 4B of the application as matching funds/cost share*), supplies, animal costs and other expenses required to conduct the proposed research.

Each section within the budget should be clearly justified. ALL personnel who play a role in the research project should be listed including their percent effort (even when no salary support is being requested), a detailed description of supplies/other expenses and their costs. STRONG justification should be provided if requests for consultant costs are sought.

Internal Award budgets do not support the use of funds outside of the University of Miami, i.e., personnel costs outside of UM cannot be supported by internal awards, but consultant costs will be considered if the specialty/need is unavailable at UM. STRONG justification for consultant costs is required and will be considered on a case by case basis. Submitted budgets to be realistic estimates. ***Should the PI receive any extramural funds pertaining to the funded internal award during the "award term" - any unexpended funds must be returned to Office of Research, Research Education and Innovative Medicine (RIM).***

Matching Funds/Cost Share

Matching funds/cost share may come from many different categories. The most common is for the percent effort a faculty and/or graduate student will contribute on the research project being submitted. The percent effort indicated in the budget (even though salary support is not being requested) are considered matching funds/cost share. Additionally, any departmental funds or grant support for research staff, supplies, etc. are considered matching funds/cost share and should be indicated.

Progress Reporting

In order to track the success of each program, funded investigators are required to submit two reports; the first report will be a *Progress Report* due 90 days following the end of the award period; an *Annual Report* will be due one year following the end of the award period. These data are compiled and submitted to the Faculty Council, the Executive Dean for Research and Research Training, and the Dean in support of future budgetary requests.

At the completion of the award term, awardees must submit:

1. A detailed summary of research performed during the period of the award;
2. A list of grants, both submitted and funding supported by the award;
3. A bibliography of all publications, both submitted and accepted, and presentations, both posters and talks.

Application Instructions

- The application should be completed using Arial 11-point font and each page should have no less than 0.5 margins. *Be sure to adhere to the page limitations noted for each section of the application.*
- Complete the online application including the following sections:
 - **Section 1 – Principal Investigator (PI) Information**
 - PI Last Name, PI First Name
 - C Number
 - Rank
 - Tenure Path
 - Degrees
 - Primary Department
 - Division (if applicable)
 - E-mail Address
 - Office Phone Number
 - Cell Phone Number
 - Name of Department Chair
 - Name of Department Administrator (This is the post-award financial analyst that will help you manage this grant if awarded.)
 - Have you received any previous Miller School UM Internal research award in the past 5 years (e.g., SAC, Dean's NIH Bridge, Glaser, CFAR, CTSI, etc.)?
 - **Section 2 – Proposal Information**
 - 2A – Proposal Title
 - 2B – Scientific Abstract (600 word limit)
 - 2C – Indicate the RFA, PAR, PA or FOA number which you intend to submit and the funding agency. Indicate the planned submission date.
 - 2D – Total Budget Requested (the budget will be detailed in Section 4B)
 - 2D.1 – Matching Funds/Cost Share
 - 2E – Are Co-PIs Involved in this Project?
 - **Section 3 – Regulatory Approval(s)**
 - IRB
 - IACUC
 - ESCRO
 - IBC
 - **Section 4 – Research Plan**
 - 4A – Biographical Sketch for PI, each Co-PI, and Key Co-Investigators (use NIH template provided)
 - 4B – Budget and Budget Justification. T (use modified NIH template)
 - 4C – Cover letter from the applicant including any pertinent background information and statement indicating all other available resources for the project

- 4D – The submitted NIH R01 or P-type application that was not funded (for P-type applications please indicate which subprojects are to be considered for funding)
- 4E – The NIH IRG summary statement (including information on the institute pay line)
- 4F – The original First Year Detailed Budget (this is usually prepared internally by the appropriate administrative office)
- 4G – Draft rebuttal for the re-submission of the NIH R01 or P-type application
- 4H – Letters of Support (a letter is required from the relevant Chairperson or Center/Institute Director)

Deadlines

Applications for Dean's NIH Bridge requests are reviewed on a monthly basis and are due on the 10th of each month (July – March).