

OFFICE OF VICE PROVOST FOR RESEARCH

BRIDGE FUNDING PROGRAM

OBJECTIVES - To provide modest financial support for faculty research and scholarship during times when externally funded research programs are between grant cycles. Funds will be used to maintain research programs at a level adequate to ensure continuing viability.

AWARD - The award amount will be commensurate with minimal funding levels to sustain a viable program and will be based on a review of the funding history and potential for future funding. Duplicate submissions for other internal funding programs are not permitted. Funds will be awarded in January, March, June, September, and November.

MATCHING FUNDS - All bridge funding support will be composed of matching or cost-sharing arrangement between the faculty member's home department and/or school and the Office of the Vice Provost for Research. The budget submitted with the request should clearly indicate contributions from each supporting unit.

ELIGIBILITY & CONDITIONS - Requests will be accepted from tenured and tenure-eligible faculty members of Indiana University Bloomington.

CRITERIA FOR FUNDING - The criteria for funding will be based on the potential for success in attracting external research funding to sustain or extend research and scholarly activities into the future. Requests will be submitted to OVPR through the school dean's office and will be reviewed by OVPR.

HOW TO SUBMIT A REQUEST - A letter from Department chair or head of the applicant's unit (e.g. department, division, center, institute, etc) outlining the need for bridge funding for the program, the specific budgetary needs, commitment for any matching funds or cost share, a brief description of the research program, past record of external funding, efforts underway to secure external funding to sustain the program beyond the bridging period, the ability of the investigator to attain continuation or new funding to sustain or extend these activities into the future. A letter from the dean indicating how the research program fits the school's research priorities, an assessment of the budget and commitment for cost sharing.

DEADLINE – None

PROGRAM REVIEW- Program will be reviewed at the end of 2010