



Program Overview:

The Buffett Cancer Center is announcing a bridge funding program intended to support the research of Center members who have received encouraging scores that fell below the funding threshold on recent investigator-initiated, cancer-focused grant applications. The purpose of this program is to support the efforts necessary to produce additional data for promising cancer research projects, in order to strengthen related proposal resubmissions to federal funding agencies. **Bridge funds of up to \$25,000 may be requested from the Cancer Center; an accompanying commitment by the applicant's home department and/or college to provide matching funds is required.**

The Buffett Cancer Center is primarily seeking to support proposals submitted after February 2017 that fit within the following criteria:

- New (A0) applications that received priority scores outside of the granting agency's current pay line;
or
- Grants that have been submitted for competitive renewal and received a competitive but non-fundable score within two years from the expiration of the current award.

Eligibility:

Eligibility for bridge funding extends to all Fred & Pamela Buffett Cancer Center Members who are applying for or renewing individual investigator awards, multi-investigator awards, center grants, and program project grants from federal funding agencies and/or nationally peer-reviewed organizations. **Funding priority will be given to those who submitted applications to the NCI, followed by those with cancer-focused proposals submitted to other NIH institutes.**

Application Format and Instructions:

All proposals must contain the following components as they pertain to the existing grant application for which the applicant is seeking bridge funding support:

- Original date of submission;
- Funding mechanism/grant type;
- Project title;
- Funding agency submitted to;
- Principal investigator(s) and other project key personnel;
- Project specific aims;
- A copy of the application summary statement including priority score received; and
- A thoughtful plan to address the critiques in a subsequent application, along with a discussion of how bridge funds would be used to address the proposal's score-driving issues as identified by the reviewers. *The expected date of resubmission should also be included.*
- **A brief budget outline indicating the Cancer Center request amount along with the matching commitment from the applicant's department and/or college is required at the time of the bridge funding request.** If the proposal is selected for funding, a detailed budget and budget justification will be requested at that time.

Application Submission:

Applications should be submitted via email to both Matt Winfrey (winfrey@unmc.edu) and Kelly Jordan (kjordan@unmc.edu). Proposals for bridge funding will be accepted on a rolling basis. Cancer Center leadership will review all submissions to identify promising candidates for bridge funding. It is the expectation of the Buffett Cancer Center that those competitive proposals selected for support will be able to move into the fundable scoring range during the following funding cycle.

Award Reporting Requirements:

If selected for funding, the applicant must submit a final scientific report, final financial report, and lay abstract to Buffett Cancer Center Administration within 90 days after the completion of the funding period. The outcome of the resubmission must also be reported to the Cancer Center.

Additional Information About this Funding Opportunity:

Questions regarding this funding opportunity should be directed to Matt Winfrey, Associate Director for Administration, Fred & Pamela Buffett Cancer Center, at winfrey@unmc.edu or 402.559.4022.