

## Office of the Vice Dean Research – CoMBridge Funding

**Purpose:** This initiative is intended to support excellence in research and assist faculty (i.e., those who received a high score in a Tri-Agency competition but, because of budget constraints, were not funded) in re-applying for Tri-Agency funding.

**Value:** Bridge Funding can be obtained for:

- CIHR Project Grants: up to \$100,000 for 2 years
- NSERC Discovery Grants: up to \$50,000 for 2 years
- SSHRC Insight Grants: up to \$40,000 for 2 years

*\*Note: Values will depend on availability of funds and number of qualified applicants; therefore, funding may be prorated across eligible applications for the current competition.*

**Deadline to Apply:** Within 2 weeks of final notification of the Tri-Agency results.

**Eligibility:** The Nominated Principal Investigator must be College of Medicine Faculty, with a primary academic appointment in the College of Medicine that extends beyond the funding period. Only one Tri-Agency application for Bridge funding per applicant per fiscal year will be accepted. PIs are eligible for CoMBridge funding once every three years. A higher priority will be given to:

- applications with higher overall rankings,
- applicants who not previously received CoMBridge support, and
- new faculty, within the first five years of their appointment.

**Timeframe:** Funds must be expended within 2 years from the funding start date. No extensions will be provided. *Any unused funds remaining at the end of the term will be returned to the source.*

Principal Applicants must re-apply to the Tri-Agency within two years of receiving the award of Bridge funds from the Office of the Vice Dean Research.

**Procedure to Apply:** The applicant must submit the following documentation in one single pdf document to [com.bridge@usask.ca](mailto:com.bridge@usask.ca) within the 2 weeks of final notification of the Tri-Agency results:

- Documentation of 2 high quality reviews of the application considered for bridge funding. This can be in the form of an email or memo confirmation from the reviewers.
- A copy of the Tri-Agency notice of award (notice of decision document) and the reviewers' comments.

**Adjudication:** The OVDR will review the applications, and adjudication will take into account the Tri-Agency score/ranking and application reviews.

*Note: Paper applications will not be accepted. CoMBridge notifications of decision will be sent by email.*

**Contact:** If you have any questions, please contact [com.bridge@usask.ca](mailto:com.bridge@usask.ca).