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 the CIHR competition but, because of budget constraints, were not funded) in re-applying for CIHR funding.

**Value:** Bridge Funding can be obtained for:
- CIHR Project Grants: up to $100,000 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 CIHR 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.

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 CIHR 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 within the 2 weeks of final notification of the CIHR results:

- A copy of the CIHR notice of award (notice of decision document) and the reviewers’ comments.
- One page maximum budget request that includes $ amounts and a brief explanation on how this funding will help you succeed in future competitions.

**Adjudication:** The OVDR will review the applications, and adjudication will take into account the CIHR 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.