



CoMBridge Funding Guidelines

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

PROGRAM DETAILS

Value

Bridge Funding can be obtained for:

- CIHR Project Grants: up to \$50,000* over 2 years

*Note: Value will depend on availability of funds and number of qualified applicants. Funding may be prorated across eligible applications for the current competition.

Eligibility

- The Nominated Principal Investigator must be a College of Medicine Faculty member, 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
- Priority will be given to:
 - Applications with higher overall rankings
 - Applicants who not previously received CoMBridge support
 - Applicants that have not held multiple CoMBridge awards
 - New faculty, within the first five years of their appointment

Funding Terms

- **Timeline:** 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**
- **Reporting:** Recipients must provide a yearly report to the OVDR detailing their research progress and intention to apply for external funding. Reports will be required for the duration of funding and for one year following fund closure. Failure to submit the reports will exclude the applicant(s) from being eligible to apply for any future funding from the OVDR.

APPLICATION

The applicant must submit the following documentation in **one single pdf document** to com.bridge@usask.ca within two weeks of receiving the notice of decision of the Tri-Agency:

- A copy of the CIHR notice of decision document, the reviewers' comments, and SO notes
- One page maximum budget request that includes requested funding amount and a brief justification of the request
- 1/2 page explaining how this funding will help you succeed in future competitions

ADJUDICATION

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

Notification of Success

The OVDR will provide a formal letter of notice by email.

CONTACT

Please contact com.bridge@usask.ca if you have any questions.