

HSC Bridge Funding Program (BFP)

Overview

The HSC Bridge Funding Program (BFP) provides up to 12 months of support for full-time faculty members to maintain their research activities during a lapse in funding and resubmit more competitive grant applications for successful funding. Typically, applicants have been unsuccessful in a recent attempt to renew or replace a major federal grant (e.g., R21, R01) but are likely to be

Funding:

The Bridge Funding award may be used to support:

- Supplies/project expenses;
 - Animal care or core facility services;
 - Participant costs; or
 - Salaries/benefits for non-faculty research personnel
- x BFP award funds may NOT be used to support:

SMART Goals

Funds will be made available in three tranches based on progress made according to agreed-upon SMART goal milestones, or earlier if requested by an investigator who has met his/her milestones. SMART goals will be used as project progress markers at days 120, 240 and 360. Goals must be Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic, and Time-bound.

SMART goals are intended to measure project progress, not outcomes. For the Bridge Funding Program, awardees will be expected to participate in grant writing workshops specifically for revising and resubmitting grants that will be coordinated by REAP and relevant College/School personnel. The SMART goals for this program will include an estimated date for submission of

comments.

Note: Any inquiry about BFP should be addressed to REAP.

Faculty under a department or college Performance Enhancement or Improvement Plan are not eligible for BFP funding.