



2013-14 Intramural Grants

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR DOCTORAL STUDENTS NEW BRIDGE FUNDING PROGRAMS

PURPOSE:

The Office of the Vice President for Research (VPR) has established a Pre Doctoral Bridge Funding Program for UNTHSC doctoral candidates. Doctoral bridge funding is intended to provide temporary research dollar support to doctoral students, whose research funding has lapsed and are close to completing their degree, thus bridging doctoral research to completion of the research requirements for their degree.

This program provides funds from the VPR office. Full time graduate students in the final phase of their doctoral research project requirements are eligible for doctoral bridge funding under the situation defined below. Priority funding will be given to students closest to completing their doctoral research requirements.

REQUIREMENTS AND ELIGIBILITY:

Full time doctoral candidates within one year of completing the research portion of their doctoral studies whose research funding has lapsed are eligible to apply for the Doctoral Bridge Funding Program.

GENERAL GUIDELINES AND RESTRICTIONS:

The maximum amount of funds that will be made available from the VPR office will be \$5,000 per award application cycle. If extramural grant funds (for the requested project) become available to the student during the bridge funding period, any remaining bridge funds will be returned to the VPR office.

Bridge funding support from the VPR office for any one project shall not exceed two times with a total award amount of \$10,000 per student.

Allowable expenditures include student's salary, laboratory supplies and analysis costs. Travel **specifically required** for the project is also acceptable (but not travel to a scientific meeting). Purchase of capital equipment is prohibited.

The Research Advisory Council will review all Doctoral Student Bridge Funding applications and make recommendations to the VPR; decisions on funding will normally occur within thirty (30) days of applicant submission.

As the total pool of available bridge funds is limited, fulfilling all the above criteria does not ensure that all doctoral student applicants will receive bridge funding. In the event funds are not available to cover all Doctoral Student Bridge Funding requests within a cycle, the Research Advisory Council will determine priority for funding. The Vice President for Research, in consultation with the Deans, will make final funding decisions.

KEY DATES:

- Application Due: 8 AM on September 9
- Award Period: 12 months



DOCTORAL STUDENT BRIDGE FUNDING SUPPORT APPLICATION

Date of application:	
Graduate Student:	
Major Professor:	
Title of proposal:	
Name of agency/s previously supporting research:	
Amount of bridge funding requested from VPR:	
Approval of Department Chair (if applicable):	(signature*)
Approval of Dean:	(signature*)
Principal Investigator:	(signature)

****your signature confirms your review and support of this proposal***

Required Application Components (electronic pdf format only):

- above cover page with signatures and current biosketch
- specific aims, and background and significance of your project (three page limit)
- time line with expected completion dates for research project
- one page statement from the major professor explaining lapse in funding and other information that strengthens the case for doctoral bridge funding
- detailed budget outlining costs of completing research project.
- a single letter of support signed by all your doctoral committee members supporting your bridge funding application

THE ENTIRE APPLICATION PACKET MUST BE SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY TO SUSAN HARLIN
Susan.Harlin@unthsc.edu BY 8:00 AM ON SEPTEMBER 9.