

**University of North Texas Health Science Center**  
**Research Advisory Committee Agenda**  
**Wednesday, July 19, 2023 – 3:00 PM Microsoft**  
**Teams Meeting**

<b>AGENDA</b>
Review and Approval of June 21, 2023, Minutes
Disposition of Bridge grants
Review of current Seed Grant Programs & Schedules
New Business
Next Meeting: August 16th, 2023 at 3:00PM via Microsoft Teams

## **Modification for New Investigator/Early Stage Investigator Program:**

Travel expenses for fieldwork or other forms of data collection will be allowable costs.

## **Modification for Team Science Programs:**

### **Budget**

Departmental/College or School matching funds, if any, will be considered in the criteria for review. Funds beyond salary cost-sharing are encouraged. Provide a description of the funds that are available and a chart string for those funds, along with a written signed commitment from the account holder for the direct transfer to DRI for the allocation of those funds to the project.

## **Modification for Bridge Funding Programs:**

### Eligibility

Applicants must be full-time faculty members. **The applicants must meet the following criteria:**

- Faculty who have lost all extramural funding in their research portfolio and anticipate a deleterious effect (e.g. loss of critical research personnel or animals).
- Recent grant applications (last two years) that received promising scores (close to the funding range) but did not receive funding; the applicant should explain how the reviewers' critiques will be satisfactorily addressed.

## **Review Criteria**

The applicant must have an independent research program and adequate laboratory space if research is lab-based. Review will use the **NIH scoring criteria** and consider the following additional criteria:

1. The applicant has demonstrated conscientious efforts to establish and maintain extramural funding and to diversify funding streams.
2. Support of the Department/School/Administrative Unit(s), including documentation of the financial commitment to the applicant and a statement that the Unit(s) will

provide 15% of the BFP award by providing a chart string for the amount along with the written and signed statement of support from the account holder that these support funds will be transferred directly to DRI for the later allocation to the project if awarded. Further, any existing direct funds and F&A funds retained by the PI should be committed to the Bridge Funding project and described in the *Budget and Justification*. (Note: When there are remaining or unspent balances, any matching fund from the supporting unit will proportionally be returned.)

3. Quality of the applicant's research portfolio and research
4. Recent grant applications (last two years) that received favorable scores (close to the funding range); the "pay-line" for the programs should be included (if available); the applicant should explain how the reviewers' critiques will be addressed.
5. Budget and Justification: will the funds be used according to program guidelines and will they support sufficient research to address the concerns from the previous extramural

### **Application Materials**

Research Plan: Three-page description of the research that will be conducted during the Bridge Funding period that includes how these experiments will address the reviewers concerns in the attached Summary Statement.

## **Proposed: FY 24 Intramural Seed Grant Competition Schedule**

### **New Investigator Grant: (Offer three competitions in FY 24)**

FY 22 & 23 Due Dates: November 15 & April 15

**Proposed FY 24 Due Dates: September 15, January 15 & May 15**

### **Bridge Grant: (Reduce the competitions from 12 to 4)**

FY 22 & 23 Due Dates: Due the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month

**Proposed FY 24 Due Dates: Offer one Bridge grant competition per quarter.**

### **Team Science: Set the Due Date for February**

FY 22 Due Date: April 2022

FY 23 Due Date: February 2023 (due date moved due to edits to the mechanism)

**Proposed FY 24 Due Date: February 15th**