



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

Fall 2004

Bridging Grants

The KUMC Research Institute is pleased to submit this RFP for research to be conducted by faculty members of the University of Kansas Medical Center, (Kansas City, Wichita, and related VA's). The funds available for this research are awarded by the Research Institute and represent actual excess dollars gained by the Research Institute over expenses for the current fiscal year. One of the goals of the Research Institute is to provide those dollars back to the faculty for additional peer reviewed research.

Our Board of Directors again chose to distribute additional funding to improve previous proposals. This RFP will award interim support to those who have submitted grants to national organizations that were approved on the basis of scientific merit, but received priority scores out of the funding range. This interim funding should assist in providing the data needed to enhance the success of application resubmitted to the external agency.

In FY 2005 we will provide three opportunities (**Fall**, Winter, Spring) for faculty to submit these "Bridging" proposals. This will correspond roughly to the three review cycles of NIH. We expect to fund about the same number of proposals, on an annual basis, but make the funding more timely for you.

In an effort to minimize the work for all those wish to submit, the process will involve only two steps. Initial information will be screened and those with the best priority/percentile scores will be invited to submit more detailed applications.

TIME LINE

1. A letter of intent and other items listed below must be sent to the Research Institute office (6011 Wescoe) by Monday **October 11, 2004**. This is the first step.
2. The Research Committee will select faculty from this first group with the lowest percentile scores who will be invited to send a short proposal and budget. The proposal will describe how the original application will be improved. This is the second step.
3. The deadline for submission of the **second step is Friday, October 29, 2004**.
4. The award will be made as soon as possible after that date.

ELIGIBILITY

All faculty members from the KUMC (Kansas City and Wichita campuses and VA affiliates) who meet the following criteria are eligible to submit proposals.

CRITERIA FOR FUNDING

1. Those who have a proposal that has undergone rigorous peer review by a private or governmental funding agency and were either approved but not funded or received high commendation but were not funded. Examples of such agencies include but are not restricted to: NIH, NSF, American Cancer Society National, American Heart Association National, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, etc. The agency must have a national level of responsibility. Local or regional affiliate projects are not eligible.
2. Faculty funded by the Research Institute previously is eligible but this proposal must be for different research. Faculty will not receive funding for the same research previously funded by the Research Institute.
3. Proposals for RO3 grants, a sub section of a Center or PO1 grant, responses to a one time RFA, or a proposal, which was not reviewed, is not eligible for Bridging Grants.
4. The research submitted must be from a recent funding cycle of the agency. The "pink sheets" or equivalent critiques may not be more than one year old (October 2003).

FIRST STEP SUBMISSION ITEMS:

1. A cover letter, which includes the target date when the faculty member intends to resubmit the application to the funding source.
2. A copy of the "pink" sheets (summary statements or equivalent critique form), which outlines what, is needed to improve the priority score upon resubmission. If your pink sheets are slow in arriving just send as much information as you can. Forward the rest if you are selected for the second step.
3. A copy of the priority score, the percentile ranking and the scale used by the funding agency.
4. The membership of the scientific review panel.

Send the required first step documents by Monday **October 11, 2004**, to:

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