Tulane University Program for Bridge Research Support

**Objective:** To sustain competitively funded research projects that have temporarily lost extramural support. The Bridge Program provides one-time support to eligible Principal Investigators to assist with re-establishing external funding. A primary objective of the Program is to keep experienced research teams together; thus, priority will be given to retain project staffing temporarily.

**Who is Eligible:**
Bridge support is intended for those Principal Investigators who have experienced a significant reduction from extramural sources, and who can reasonably anticipate regaining competitive support in the upcoming year.

Priority is given to those Principal Investigators who meet the following criteria:
- They received continuous extramural funding from peer-reviewed sources during the five years preceding their request.
- They have lost, or will lose most of their extramural funding during the current fiscal year.
- They can reasonably anticipate re-establishing funding.

**Expense Categories Eligible for Assistance:**
- Salaries/Benefits for research support personnel
- Supplies and Equipment
- Animal Care

Bridge Program support may not be used for:
- PI and co-PI salaries (including Summer salaries)
- Travel
- Budget overdrafts on other projects
- Administrative Costs

**How to Apply:**
Applications should include:
- A cover letter summarizing the Principal Investigator's funding history, the need for Bridge Program support and a description of plans to re-establish funding.
- A detailed budget of proposed expenditures.
- NIH- or NSF-style Biographical Sketch.

The application need not describe in detail the research project for which funding is requested because this program does not evaluate scientific merit *per se*.

Proposals should be submitted electronically to:
Laura S. Levy, Ph.D.
Associate Senior Vice President for Research
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The deadline for submission is **Monday, November 3**.

**Awards:**
Awards will be made in consultation with an internal review committee and with academic Deans. It is anticipated that three awards of $30,000 each will be made in this cycle. A second competition is anticipated in Spring 2009.