Criteria to be considered to receive Bridge Funding (BF): For detailed information, refer to the Office of Research Bridge Funding Guidelines: [http://www.uthsc.edu/research/research_resources/bridge_funding/index.php](http://www.uthsc.edu/research/research_resources/bridge_funding/index.php)

1. Applicant PI must be a UTHSC faculty member. Adjunct faculty are not eligible.
2. Lapsed grant must have been funded for at least three consecutive years.
3. Lapsed grant and unfunded renewal application must have been made to a national funding agency with a bona fide peer-review.
4. Competitive renewal application must have been submitted during the final year (or during no-cost-extension period) of the extramural funding cycle.
5. Unfunded competitive renewal grant does not need to be scored to apply for BF.
6. An individual grant is eligible to receive BF one (1) time only.
7. If a PI’s first BF application is not awarded, the PI is eligible to apply for BF a second time. PIs are eligible to apply for BF for the same grant two (2) times only.
8. BF funds can be used for: (1) salary, fringe benefits and longevity pay (if applicable), for individuals whose salaries are supported by the interrupted grant, i.e., non-tenure track staff members (including post-doctoral fellows, limited term or part-time faculty members), and exempt and non-exempt staff; (2) research supplies; (3) equipment costs, such as service contracts and maintenance (large equipment purchases are not allowed); (4) travel funds ($1,500 limit), for attending a national scientific meeting; (5) publication costs.
9. BF funds cannot be used to support the salary of any tenured, tenure-track, regular, or affiliated faculty member, or cover graduate student stipends (if supported by the graduate college).
10. If extramural grant funding is obtained during the BF award period, the PI is required to notify the Office of Research and return the unexpended BF funds upon receipt of the new grant funding.
11. A one-page progress report on the status of the BF support will be required to be submitted by the PI to the VC for Research at the end of each twelve-month period.

Application Requirements: A PI who meets the BF criteria should submit an application to the Office of Research via the UTHSC InfoReady Review portal at [https://uthsc.infoready4.com](https://uthsc.infoready4.com).

The application must contain the following:
1. A signed letter (on UTHSC letterhead) addressed to Steven R. Goodman, Ph.D., Vice Chancellor for Research, requesting BF support
2. Specific Aims of both, expired grant and unfunded renewal. Clearly label these Specific Aims as “Original SAs” and “Renewal SAs”
3. Summary Statement of unfunded continuation grant with reviewer critiques and score
4. PI’s proposed response to the Summary Statement critique (2-page limit; 11-point font minimum)
5. Budget (on template saved as a pdf)
6. Budget justification
7. Grant-related publications by PI
8. PI’s full CV
9. Letter from PI’s Chair confirming information provided is correct, to the best of his/her knowledge, and outlining their opinion of possibility of future funding on this project

Submission Deadlines:
- **Every year on:**
  - January 31
  - April 30
  - August 31

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