



Tri-Agency Bridge Funding Program **General Guidelines**

Purpose

The purpose of the Internal Grants Tri-Agency Bridge Funding Program is to provide funding for the further development of unsuccessful tri-agency applications, to ensure future success. (This program replaces the discontinued Research Manitoba Bridge Funding program).

Eligibility and Program Priorities

All full-time academic faculty members *with professorial or academic librarian rank*, holding tenure or tenure-track appointments; and geographical full-time (GFT) academic faculty members, appointed for three years or longer and who have a minimum 40% protected time for research are eligible to apply to the Bridge Funding Program. **Contingent, nil-salary and adjunct professors are not eligible to apply for internal grants.**

You are ineligible to apply if you received bridge funding in the last 3 years and have not held eligible tri-agency program funding in this period.

Eligible Tri-Agency Programs

Only select tri-agency programs are eligible for Internal Grant Tri-Agency Bridge Funding:

- NSERC - Discovery Grants
- SSHRC - Insight Grants

Available Funding

VPRI will match Faculty fund contributions 2:1, up to the following maximum amounts:

- NSERC - \$20,000 per application from VPRI
- SSHRC - \$10,000 per application from VPRI

Submitted Applications must include the following in order to be considered:

- Completed Bridge Funding Application Form
- Letter from dean/unit head with confirmation of financial support and indicating how the unsuccessful grant was reviewed prior to being submitted (reviewed by research facilitator, internal panel, etc.)
- Reviewer comments and/or grant selection panel report (no page limit)
- Complete original unsuccessful tri-agency application (excluding CVs)
- CCV of Applicant
- List of all funding applied for or held by applicant in the past 3 years (1 page)

Competition Deadline Dates and Program Administration

One competition is held annually: The application deadline date is **June 15 by 4:30pm**. If this date falls on a weekend or statutory holiday, the deadline moves to the next business day. The Tri-Agency Bridge Funding Program is administered by the Office of Research Services.

Evaluation Process and Criteria

Applications will be assessed by reviewers from the appropriate discipline and will consider:

- The reviews of the grant application and the applicants' rebuttal - to assess the likelihood of success in the next competition
- The need for the funding - based on current funding held
- The letter of support and financial commitment from the Dean as well as strength of internal review process used to submit the application to one of the tri-agencies.

Funding priority is as follows:

- Applicants who had contiguous funding from the eligible tri-agency program and who were unsuccessful in the most recent competition;
- First-time applicants to the eligible tri-agency program in the previous competition and who were unsuccessful;
- Applicants who held bridge funding in the last three years, and who received eligible tri-agency program funding subsequently, but were unsuccessful in the most recent competition.

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Conditions of the Award

Internal grant funding must be used for the purposes described in the application. Grant-holders wanting to use funds in a way not outlined in the application must secure the prior written approval of the Office of Research Services.

Applicants must apply to tri-agency by March 31 of the following year. It is highly encouraged for award recipients to apply to tri-agency in the Fall of the year they are Awarded (within 4 months of award date). Applicants will be required to participate in their Unit's Internal Review process (where available), and are required to work with an appropriate Research Facilitator on their next tri-agency application.

The award recipient is responsible for the use of the funds and for any over-expenditure of research accounts. Expenditures must comply with University regulations and must be made in accordance with standard University financial procedures. Grants involving the purchase of equipment are made on the understanding that any costs associated with the installation, operation, and maintenance of any equipment purchased will be the responsibility of the researcher and his/her department. Equipment purchases must be made through Purchasing Services.

Funds cannot be transferred to co-investigators or outside of the University of Manitoba.

Bridge Funding must be spent according to the approved budget by no later than March 31 of the following year, as indicated in the Award letter. Any unspent funds are automatically returned to the Internal Grants Tri-Agency Bridge Funding general account.

If an award recipient receives an award for the same work from an external agency as a result of concurrent or previous application, the Bridge Funding award or balance remaining will be returned.

If an award recipient loses their eligibility to hold internal or external grant funding during the term of the award, all unused funds must be returned to the program's funding pool.

Application Procedures

Application forms are available on the web at: http://umanitoba.ca/research/ors/um_funding.html. If you have any questions, please contact the person listed online. **The application must be filled out in the format provided.**

The complete original signed application with all supporting documentation must be forwarded to the Office of Research Services, researchgrants@umanitoba.ca. Late and/or incomplete applications will **not** be considered.

The application deadline is June 15 by 4:30pm. If this date fall on a weekend or statutory holiday, the deadline moves to the next business day.

Results of the competition expect to be announced approximately six weeks after the application deadline. There is no provision for appeal of funding decisions.