University of Manitoba Tri-Agency
Bridge Funding Program for SSHRC and NSERC

Purpose

- The Office of the Vice-President (Research and International) will provide short-term funds to faculty members who have been unsuccessful in renewing their Tri-Agency grant support from SSHRC and NSERC, in order to maintain their research programs and research productivity and to increase their likelihood of success in a subsequent competition.

Eligibility

- Bridge Funding shall be provided to researchers who have recently held an NSERC or SSHRC research grant for a term exceeding one year and whose reapplication for funding support submitted within the last year has been unsuccessful.
- Only full-time faculty members at the University of Manitoba shall be eligible to apply for Bridge Funding.
- The highest priority for Bridge Funding will be given to those researchers who do not presently hold significant Tri-Agency funding and who have not recently received University of Manitoba Bridge Funding support.
- Recipients of Bridge Funding must submit an application to the next appropriate Tri-Agency competition and must agree to a pre-review of their application.

Support Provided

- Bridge Funding shall be provided for a maximum of one year.
- Up to $20,000/individual is available from the Office of the Vice-President (Research and International) to be matched on a 1:1 basis by the Department, Faculty or Unit for NSERC applicants.
- Up to $5,000/individual is available from the Office of the Vice-President (Research and International) to be matched on a 2:1 basis by the Department, Faculty or Unit for SSHRC applicants.

Application process

Requests for Bridge Funding must be submitted in hard copy to the Office of Research Services, 540 Machray Hall by no later than 4:30 pm on Monday, May 26th and must include the following:

1) A brief written explanation from the researcher describing the outcome of the unsuccessful Tri-Agency application; a copy of the reviewers’ comments and the application rating/score; the response by the researcher to the issues raised by the reviewers; Bridge funding requested; the contribution of the requested funding to strengthening the upcoming application and supporting the research program in the
interim; and an explanation of the relationship of these funds to other research support available to the researcher.

The written statement from the researcher including the budget should be a max. of three pages in length (12 point font, 1 inch margins on all sides), not including the reviewers’ comments.

2) A letter of support signed by the appropriate Department, Faculty or Unit describing the amount of matching funding to be committed to the researcher and the strategic importance of their research program for the Department, Faculty or Unit.

3) An up-to-date CV in the relevant Tri-Agency format.

4) Researchers are asked to also provide a copy of the research proposal from their Tri-Agency application.

Decisions will normally be announced within three weeks of the deadline and will take into consideration the duration of previous Tri-Agency funding, as well as the productivity of the researcher, the impact of the interruption in funding, the stage of career of the researcher, and the likelihood of success of a future application.

The number and amount of awards to be provided will depend on the availability of funding.

Bridge Funding must be spent according to the approved budget within one year (or the approved timeline).