

## HHS Research Bridge or Match Funding Program

### Research Bridge Funding Program Description

Research Bridge Funding supports Hamilton Health Sciences (HHS) Researchers whose grant applications have not been awarded, and who demonstrates a need for bridge funding. HHS Researchers who did not receive funding, but scored at, or close to the fundable level on a recent peer-reviewed application to any national granting agency, are eligible to apply.

### Research Match Funding Program Description

Research Match Funding supports HHS Researchers who require an Institutional Matching Commitment from Hamilton Health Sciences.

### Funding Allocation

- The Research Bridge or Match Funding Program is subject to availability of funding in any given year.
- Research Administration will allocate **\$150,000.00** per competition towards the Research Bridge or Match Funding Program.
- Each project will be awarded a maximum of **\$50,000.00**.
- The number of applications funded will depend on the quality and number of applications received, and the amount requested by each applicant.

### Eligibility Criteria

1. **Only one application submission per Principal Investigator (PI) for each competition will be considered.**
2. The PI of the project must be an HHS Researcher, whose project is conducted at an HHS site/facility: *Hamilton General Hospital, Juravinski Hospital, Juravinski Cancer Centre, Regional Rehabilitation Centre, Ron Joyce Children's Health Centre, McMaster Children's Hospital, McMaster University Medical Centre, or the West Lincoln Memorial Hospital.*
3. The PI may only apply for Research Bridge Funding for an application that has been independently peer-reviewed by CIHR or other granting agency/organization. The PI can only receive funding **once** for the same health research project – ***a project receiving 2 negative reviews is not eligible for Research Bridge Funding.***
4. Applications for the Research Bridge Funding Program will only be accepted within 6 months of the date of the original decision notification of the national granting agency.

### Timelines and Important Dates

There are two competitions offered annually –Spring and Fall

Research Bridge or Match Funding Competitions	Spring	Fall
*Application Deadlines, 11:59pm	May 15 <sup>th</sup>	November 15 <sup>th</sup>
Review Period	June	December
Outcome Notifications	July 15 <sup>th</sup>	January 15 <sup>th</sup>

*\*Should a competition close on a weekend or statutory holiday, the deadline is extended to the next business day.*

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### Review Process

Decisions are usually rendered four weeks after the application is submitted. Decisions take into account factors such as HHS Research current strategic priorities and availability of funds.

### Submission Requirements:

Please submit applications for Research Bridge or Match Funding to [researchnetwork@hhsc.ca](mailto:researchnetwork@hhsc.ca) as a single PDF file with the following *supporting documentation*. Ensure the subject line of your email application submission reads: "Bridge (or Match)\_PI Surname". (e.g.: Bridge\_Smith or Match\_Smith).

#### ***Supporting Documentation to accompany completed application as a single PDF file:***

1. Completed Bridge or Match Funding Application Form
2. Scientific summary of project – no more than 2 pages using Arial font, size 10 with 1-inch margins.
3. A detailed project budget and justification for applicable Bridge **OR** Match funding request – maximum 2 pages using Arial font, size 10 with 1-inch margins.
4. For Bridge Funding Requests, attach:
  - i. Copy of funding agency's formal outcome review with score
  - ii. Copy of response(s) to granting agency review/rebuttal
5. For Match Funding Requests, attach:
  - i. Granting agency's funding program details: objectives, research priorities, funding available and criteria for Institutional Matching Commitments.