

## HHS Research Bridge or Match Funding Program

### Research Bridge Funding Program Description

Research Administration provides Research Bridge Funding to support Hamilton Health Sciences (HHS) Researchers whose grant applications have not been awarded, and who demonstrates a need for bridge funding. This investment is designed to support HHS Researchers who scored at or close to the fundable level on a recent peer-reviewed application to any national granting agency but were not funded.

### Research Match Funding Program Description

Research Administration also provides Research Match Funding to support 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 for each competition will be considered.**
2. The Principal Investigator 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 Principal Investigator (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.*

## HHS Research Bridge or Match Funding Program

### Review Process

Once the request is received, the evaluation begins. 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@hsc.ca](mailto:researchnetwork@hsc.ca) as a single PDF file with the below **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.