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Article XX - Bridge Funding

A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Bridge funding refers to funding provided by the University to retain Academic Researchers to ensure the continuity of research projects during periods of insufficient extramural funding.

B. ELIGIBILITY AND DURATION

An Academic Researcher shall receive bridge funding if:

1. They have been supported primarily by grants on which they are a Principal Investigator (PI) for at least two (2) years;
2. A loss in extramural support has occurred which will result in layoff, reduction in % effort, or otherwise significantly impacting an ongoing research program;
3. Alternative sources of funding are unavailable, and;
4. They have made and continue to make efforts to reestablish funding.

C. TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Bridge funding shall provide for the continuation of an eligible Academic Researcher's research program, including the following expenses:
 - a. Supplies
 - b. Animal Care
 - c. Salaries and Benefits
 - d. Travel to field sites for data collection
 - e. Additional expenses with campus approval
2. Bridge funding shall provide up to \$200,000 and last for up to one (1) year. Access to bridge funding renews every five (5) years.
3. While supported through bridge funding, an Academic Researcher shall make substantial efforts to reestablish extramural funding.