

University of New England
Bridge Funding Match Policy
Office of Research & Scholarship March 2019

The Office of the Associate Provost of Research & Scholarship (APRS), in partnership with colleges and schools/departments, provides short-term support to maintain critical elements of active scholarly programs during a gap in external funding support, until additional funding is obtained. These funds are not intended for pilot projects or to fund new directions of research, which are more suited for the **APRS faculty mini-grant program**. Bridge funding is a match program; therefore, the APRS will consider application requests that are part of a collaborative financial plan with commitments from the PI's IDC account, the PI's Department Chair and Dean. This funding mechanism is considered a last resort for internal funding. *Please note that budget limits may restrict the APRS's ability to fund (or fully fund) every request received.*

Guidelines

- The APRS Bridge Match Funding is restricted to tenured UNE faculty with current (but sun setting) or recently completed external funding.
- Applications will **only** be considered if they contain support from the PI's Department and College.
- Bridge funds will not be used to cover faculty salary. Instead, the funds are intended to cover key components of the funded project such as salaries for graduate students/post-docs/technicians, costs associated with animal housing and care, critical supplies, and other such core research elements.
- Bridge funds are limited in duration to 1 year.

Application Process

- The application is a PI driven process in partnership with their Department/School, Dean and APRS. Supporting funds from UNE Centers and Institutes can be included in the match (if applicable).
- The PI will complete the Research Infrastructure Fund Application Form and obtain approval and commitments from their Department/School and Dean prior to submission to the APRS.
- The Bridge Match Application packet must include the following: a) history of funding; b) plan for obtaining additional funding with anticipated timeline; c) detailed budget including resource commitments from sources outside the Office of the APRS.
- Two thirds of the Bridge Match Fund budget should come from sources outside the Office of the APRS (e.g. PI IDC, Department, Center, Dean).

Contact

- If you would like feedback on the suitability of your proposal for APRS Bridge Match funds, please contact Karen Houseknecht, Associate Provost for Research and Scholarship at khouseknecht@une.edu