SUMMER 2013 SCHOOL OF MEDICINE BRIDGE FUNDING PROGRAM

ELIGIBILITY:
1. UCSF SOM full-time faculty:
   a. Established Investigator (greater than 8 years on faculty) who has lost significant (>40%) extramural funding or will lose >40% extramural funding within six months to support their research portfolio (encompassing all research projects) and anticipates a deleterious effect (e.g. loss of research personnel or research participants). Bridge funding may be requested up to six months prior to the expected loss of funding. Established investigators must have had continuous extramural funding from peer-reviewed sources during the previous four year period.

   OR

   b. New Investigator (8 years or fewer on faculty, must be post K-mentored award*) with one or more rounds of well-scored but unfunded applications for extramural funding and who are within one year of exhausting startup funds. *Investigators with K02 funding are eligible to apply.

2. Investigators who received a bridge funding award in the prior two rounds (previous 12 months) are not eligible to apply.

REVIEW CRITERIA:
1. Demonstrated conscientious efforts to maintain or establish extramural funding and to diversify funding streams
2. Support of the Department Chair, including the department’s financial commitment to the applicant; and
3. Strength of the investigator’s research portfolio
4. Priority will be given to applicants who have:
   a. Recent grant applications that received favorable scores that are close to the funding range and with evidence of reviewers’ comments that could be addressed on resubmission
   b. Greatest need
   c. Not received prior bridge funding

AWARDS:
1. Awards are granted for a maximum of one year or until sufficient funds are obtained for the program being bridged, whichever comes first; all unspent funds must be returned to the Bridge Program.
   a. The Summer 2013 award period will be from August 1, 2013 to July 31, 2014.
   b. Awardees must notify the SOM Dean’s Office with two weeks of receiving notice, if funding is established from ANY other sources to support his/her research portfolio (e.g. extramural, intramural, industry, and foundation awards, startup, gifts, discretionary funds such as an endowed chair, etc).

2. The total of any bridge award will not exceed $100,000.
3. Award funding may be used for:
   a. Faculty salary
   b. Supplies/project expenses
   c. Animal care or core facility services
   d. Salaries/benefits for research personnel
   e. Research participant accrual or maintenance

4. Award funding cannot be used for:
a. Travel  
b. Budget overdrafts  
c. Administrative costs (i.e., school and departmental surcharges)  

5. Awards are intended to provide temporary and partial support during continuous attempts to obtain full funding.