Program Purpose:

Changes at the Tri-Agencies have made the securing or renewal of funding a greater challenge. To help offset these challenges, UTSC has implemented a Bridge Funding Program to provide financial aid for UTSC researchers. Principal Investigators (PIs) eligible for Bridge Funding must have submitted to one of the following Tri-Agency grant programs:

I. SSHRC Insight Grants
II. SSHRC Insight Development Grants
III. NSERC Discovery Grants
IV. CIHR Project Grants

(Please note that the NSERC Research Tools and Instruments (RTI) grant is not eligible for Bridge Funding support.)

Conditions:
- Bridge funding is available only for PIs who have full-time research faculty appointments in UTSC departments. Faculty and researchers holding teaching or graduate-only appointments, other types of cross-appointments, or emeritus faculty, are not eligible.
- Applicant must commit to responding to reviewer feedback.
- Applicants must re-apply within the next two tri-agency program deadlines.
- Applicant must commit to submitting their proposal for peer review and/or OVPR review.

Funding and Deadlines:
- Department Chairs are expected to coordinate Bridge Funding within their units and to communicate requests to the OVPR.
- Bridge Funding levels will depend on the grant amount requested in the Tri-Agency proposal and the number of unsuccessful proposals meeting the Bridge Funding eligibility criteria in the given year.
- As long as the total of all requests for Bridge Funding in a given year does not exceed the total budget available, all eligible proposals will receive bridge funding.
- Funding levels will be communicated to departments and PIs, and funds transferred to PI account.
- Note that funds are limited and availability will be confirmed year-to-year.

Application Process:
- Upon receiving results from Tri-Council competitions, Department Chairs and the OVPR will communicate to identify eligible faculty members.
- Department Chairs will confirm that eligible faculty members wish to be considered for funding.
- Funding levels will be communicated to departments and PIs, and funds transferred to PI account.