

## UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO SCARBOROUGH

### Tri-Agency Bridge Funding Program

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#### 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. An application to another Tri-Agency Research Council is permitted (e.g. CIHR to NSERC, or NSERC to SSHRC).
- Applicant must commit to submitting their proposal for peer review and/or OVPR review.

#### Funding and Deadlines:

- Department Chairs or Directors 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.
- Applicants can only be eligible for one Bridge Funding opportunity per 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 or Directors 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.