



UCF College of Graduate Studies Bridge Funding Program

UCF's College of Graduate Studies is offering limited interim research support to faculty who are funding graduate assistantship students on extramural grants, but are expecting a gap in their funding stream.

Eligibility

Faculty with a track record of extramural funding who have a gap in their research support due to a renewal of their grant not being funded at the time of the Bridge Funding application or who will lose all of their related research support within six months of the Bridge Funding application submission are eligible to apply for the funding to continue the graduate research assistantship (GRA) support of graduate students. The student(s) must have been funded by the faculty applicant for a minimum of two years on a GRA. Evidence of application(s) for grant funding that will support the student(s) in the future must be provided. The student(s) to be funded must be showing academic progress towards her/his degree.

Due to limited resources, not all applications will be funded. The Vice President for Research and Dean of the College of Graduate Studies or her designee will make final funding decisions within 2 weeks of receiving the application.

Award Processing

This award is intended to provide continuous funding to graduate students who would otherwise be without financial support due to a gap in the faculty member's grant funding. The College of Graduate Studies will pay the assistantship stipend(s) equal to the rate of the existing GRA agreement(s) for a maximum of one academic year or a shorter duration, depending on the need for funding. Arrangements for this payment will be coordinated with the faculty supervisor and hiring official in the supporting program.

In-state tuition must be covered by the faculty or supporting program via a tuition payment or tuition waiver from the program's allocation. If the supporting faculty member is unable to cover tuition costs, the expectation is that the home department will assist with the cost of tuition remission.

Application Requirements

To be considered for funding through this program, faculty must submit the following application components (in a PDF file) in this order to the College of Graduate Studies at gradfellowship@ucf.edu:

- Application (see below) including information on the source of funding to cover tuition costs with account numbers, as well as all appropriate signatures e.g., from faculty applicant, Graduate Program Director, Department Chair, College Dean;
- A brief explanation of recent funded research, including evidence of continuous, independent funding from an external agency (e.g. NIH, NSF, DoE, DoD, etc.);
- Evidence that a grant renewal has been submitted but not yet funded; and/or a list of grant proposals submitted (pending review) with timelines for potential funding;
- The most recent annual report of the graduate student(s) that details publications, presentations, and academic progress towards degree.

Please type or print legibly. Submit the application and supporting documents to the College of Graduate Studies, Millican Hall Room 230 or e-mail as a signed PDF to gradfellowship@ucf.edu.

Faculty Information

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

UCFID: _____

Faculty Rank: _____

Funded Student Information (attach additional sheets if needed to list more than three students)

GRA being supported:

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ UCFID: _____

GRA annual stipend amount: \$ _____

Total amount of bridge funding requested from the College of Graduate Studies: \$ _____

Term(s) of support requested (check all that apply): Fall Spring Summer

Source of tuition support (including the funding account number):

GRA being supported:

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ UCFID: _____

GRA annual stipend amount: \$ _____

Total amount of bridge funding requested from the College of Graduate Studies: \$ _____

Term(s) of support requested (check all that apply): Fall Spring Summer

Source of tuition support (including the funding account number):

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Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ UCFID: _____

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Term(s) of support requested (check all that apply): Fall Spring Summer

Source of tuition support (including the funding account number):

Recent Grant Funding (attach additional sheets if needed)

Title: _____

Agency: _____

Funding Period: _____ Funding amount/year: \$ _____

Is the grant renewal currently under review? Yes No

If the grant renewal was denied, please state the reason(s) why:

Role of faculty member (i.e. PI, co-PI, etc.): _____

List of Pending Proposals (attach additional sheets if needed)

Title: _____

Agency: \$ _____

Budget: _____ Application date: _____

Start date (if funded): _____ Funding Period: _____

Role of faculty member (i.e. PI, co-PI, etc.): _____

Signatures

Faculty Applicant

Print: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Graduate Program Director

Print: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Department Chair

Print: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

College Graduate Associate Dean

Print: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

College of Graduate Studies Approval

Vice President for Research and Dean of the College of Graduate Studies:

Print: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____