**Grant Termination Support Program**

**Office of the Vice President for Research and Innovation**

**OVERVIEW & PROGRAM GOALS**

The Grant Termination Support Program is designed to address the immediate and critical needs of faculty whose research programs have been disrupted due to grant terminations. Given the significant shifts in federal research investments and priorities, including changes in climate science, children’s behavioral health, humanities and creative arts, and innovation programs and other areas prioritized in the UO’s Oregon Rising Strategic Plan (Goal 4), this program aims to sustain research personnel and deliverables that are at risk. This initiative supports faculty whose grants have been terminated and whose appeals have been unsuccessful, or where no appeal process exists.

## TIMELINE

| **Dates** | **Item Due** |
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| Pre-submission Consultation | Must be completed before application submission. |
| Application Deadline | Rolling. |
| Notification | As soon as possible, ideally within 30 business days. |
| Final Report | 30 days after the end of the project period; the project period is for the requested support, not the period of external grants pending or terminated. |

**ELIGIBILITY**

**Pre-Submission Consultation:** To reduce overall administrative burden for applicants and the review committee, anyone interested in submitting a proposal must first complete a pre-submission consultation with Research Development Services prior to submission (email [rds@uoregon.edu](mailto:rds@uoregon.edu)). This may consist of a brief meeting or asynchronous discussion.

**Eligible Principal Investigators (PIs):** Eligible PIs are tenure-track faculty and career research faculty with the classification of *research associate*, *research professor (any rank), research scientist, research engineer, principal research scientist,* *librarian, or professor of practice (with primary duties in research),* and with a 0.50+ FTE appointment during the academic year(s) of the research award.

**Ineligible Applicants:**

* Career research assistants
* Graduate students and postdoctoral scholars (Note: support for these individuals should be requested by their advising PI)
* Visiting professors
* Faculty who do not have paid university faculty appointments for the academic year following the year for which Bridge Funding is requested
* Faculty who have had the majority of their terminated funding replaced by another source

**BUDGET & USE OF FUNDS**

**Amount:** Requests should be limited to the minimum funding necessary to achieve key research and scholarly outcomes and/or provide continuity for individuals at key moments of career transition. Requests are not expected to cover the entire amount of funding lost. The PI is expected to utilize all other available resources to maintain continuity. Please consult Research Resilience [Guiding Principles](https://research.uoregon.edu/research-resilience) when developing your request.

**Length of Project**: 12 months or less

**Allowable costs:**

1. Salary/fringe of postdocs, graduate students, or other vital research staff
2. Essential salary for career research faculty
3. Core/shared user facility fees:  Please note that OVPRI funds will be transferred directly to the Core (funds for all other costs will be transferred to a faculty-managed departmental/C&I index for the award)
4. Essential supplies
5. Publication, travel, or conference costs (if critical to achieve necessary deliverables and/or scholarly objectives)
6. 9-month salary, summer salary, or course release for tenure track faculty in exceptional circumstances (e.g., fellowship that provided only faculty salary was terminated)

**Ineligible costs:**

* Replacement funding for projects that are completed or have been funded through other mechanisms since the termination
* Cost overruns
* Costs not directly related to personnel continuity or deliverables, including equipment purchases, or long-term infrastructure investments

***Please work with your unit’s grant administrator/budget manager to develop your budget. See budget instructions below.***

***NOTE: Award letters will include language related to actions and potential reimbursement of the UO award should decisions on terminations be reversed and federal funding is reinstated to investigators. This is in line with our goals to be thoughtful fiscal stewards of limited funds.***

**APPLICATION COMPONENTS**

**Application:**

1. [*Application Form*](https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/01988b37308d766ab7cd36ffa620176d) – All fields must be completed. The form cannot be saved midway through.
2. *Proposal Documents*
   1. **Narrative:** Briefly (*no more than 2 single-spaced pages*) explain the current need for grant termination support and the rationale behind the specific activities you propose to complete with additional investment. Describe what scholarly objectives of the proposed project you will be able to achieve with the requested funds. Please be sure to address how your request aligns with the [Guiding Principles](https://research.uoregon.edu/research-resilience) in your justification of need and conservative approach to the use of funds. Briefly detail the expected research deliverables to be completed with the proposed funding.
   2. **References Cited**: If applicable, no page limit
   3. **Budget:** Please work with your unit’s grant administrator/ budget manager to fill out the "R&R 1 to 5 Year Detailed Budget" Excel template on the Sponsored Projects Forms [webpage](https://research.uoregon.edu/forms/sponsored-projects-forms#Budget%20Templates).
      1. *Note 1:* internal awards do not require indirect (F&A) costs. Please set that cell in the template to 0.
   4. **Budget Justification** (no page limit)**:** Use the [Budget Justification TEMPLATE](#budgetjust) at the end of this document to complete this component of the application.
   5. **Current and Pending Support (no page limit):** For each PI, use the [Current and Pending TEMPLATE](#CurrentPending) at end of this document to list any current and/or pending funding for any research project at UO, whether or not related to the proposed project.
   6. [**Unit Head Approval Form**](https://research.uoregon.edu/sites/default/files/2024-12/Unit%20Head%20approval%20fillable_all%2012-11-24%20accessible.pdf)**:** Scanned copy or e-signature confirming your unit head approves of the proposed application, including the budget. **NOTE:** *If the signature is digital, the PDF cannot be combined with the rest of the application (combining erases the digital signature). With digital signatures, please upload the Unit Head Approval Form separately from the application PDF.*

**Submission Instructions:**

1. Complete all components of the application documents listed above.
2. Combine into a single PDF in the order listed above.
3. Save with the naming convention *[Contact PI Last Name]\_Grant Termination Support*
4. Fill out the basic information on the online form and upload the complete PDF.
5. Submit the form.

**REVIEW PROCESS & CRITERIA**

Upon submission, proposals will first be evaluated by Research Development Services for compliance (e.g., PI eligibility, pre-submission consultation completed, all applicant components complete). A subset of members from the Research Resilience Committee will review proposals based on the following review criteria.

As needed, members of the Research Resilience Committee may request additional information from the PI and/or the PI’s unit head or Associate Dean for Research. This will be a more dynamic review and award process than traditional internal funding programs to ensure that we are the most effective stewards of limited resources to achieve maximum impact.

***NOTE: Funding decisions will be evaluated in partnership with the Office of General Counsel, who will offer guidance about potential termination status given ongoing litigation, mitigation of risk exposure (e.g., not being able to receive funding if the decision reversed because deliverables have been achieved, etc.).***

Below are the [**criteria**](https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/01988b53866770eba179f530fb69c75e)used by the review committee when scoring proposals. The committee scores each criterion on the following scale: 1 – Excellent; 2 - Very Good; 3 – Good; 4 – Fair; 5 – Poor.

**Review Criteria Based on Guiding Principles**

1. *People First and Research Timing*

* Does the requested funding enable continuity of critical personnel, especially those in transition (e.g., students completing dissertations, postdocs on the job market, faculty near promotion/tenure, career faculty critical to research infrastructure)?
* Does the application justify how the requested support will safeguard or advance time-sensitive research efforts?

1. *Conservative, Strategic, and Adaptive Planning and Collaborative Problem Solving*
   * Does the proposed funding request provide a conservative and reasonable strategy to achieve key research and scholarly outcomes and/or provide continuity for individuals at key moments of career transition?
   * Is the PI actively exploring all possible alternative funding options (teaching schedules, foundation, corporate-sponsored research, licensing distributions to academic or research unit)?
2. *Protecting Research Infrastructure and Investments:*
   * Does support of this application enable continuity of critical investments in UO’s research infrastructure or programs (e.g., contributions to AAU metrics, protection of critical assets such as longitudinal data sets, long-term research programs, or unique institutional investments)?
3. *Redefining Metrics for Impact:*
   * Do the research objectives, goals, and requested support advance high-impact research, scholarship, and creative endeavors that align with our institutional mission as a public research university?
   * Will the achievement of the research outcomes enhance the competitiveness of the researcher(s) to secure future funding?

**REPORTING**

A final report is required and due to Research Development Services no later than one month (30 days) after the conclusion of the project period. RDS will provide awardees a link to the final report form in the last quarter of their project.

**INQUIRIES**

Questions about the Grant Continuation Support Program application or submission process may be directed to Research Development Services, [rds@uoregon.edu](mailto:rds@uoregon.edu).

Current and Pending Support

(no page limit, delete blue text)

For the PIs, please provide a list of current and/or pending funding for any research project at UO, whether or not related to the proposed project. Include any awards you have received from the University of Oregon (including start-up funds), as well as external awards. No page limit enforced, so please expand sections as necessary. If you are requesting PI salary, please note any existing course releases, salary top-off, or other resources available to you.

***NOTE: You may submit the NIH or NSF Current and Pending Support generated by SciENcv in lieu of this template.***

**Name**:

Current Funding

Funding Source:

Project Title:

Project Period:

Total Award Amount:

Does this project overlap with the proposed work?

Funding Source:

Project Title:

Project Period:

Total Award Amount:

Does this project overlap with the proposed work?

Pending Funding

Funding Source:

Project Title:

Project Period:

Total Award Amount:

Does this project overlap with the proposed work?

Funding Source:

Project Title:

Project Period:

Total Award Amount:

Does this project overlap with the proposed work?

Budget Justification   
(no page limit, delete blue text)

Describe each budget line item listed in the budget template, breaking out costs by unit as applicable.Fully explain the relationship of costs to the proposed activity and the basis for cost estimates. Include information on the employment status, contract period and renewal dates, salary and terms of employees, and a budget plan for essential employees for the bridge funding period.

Giving clear details will help the reviewers understand the reasonableness of your request. No page limit enforced, so please expand sections as necessary.

***NOTE: Your department/unit head must approve the budget with the fillable PDF linked in the Application Components section above***

**Personnel**

*Technical/NTTF Salary*

Provide the names of the faculty and other personnel for which funding is requested, as well as a brief description of % effort and role/responsibility.

*Graduate Student*

Provide the number and % FTE of graduate student(s).

*Undergraduate Student*

Provide the number of student hours anticipated.

*PI Salary*

Provide a brief description of % effort and role/responsibility.

**Core Facility Use**

Describe which core(s) will be used and for what purpose—list the amount of funds needed.

**Materials & Supplies**

When anticipated, the proposal budget justification must indicate the general types of expendable materials and supplies required.

**Other Direct Costs**

E.g., speaker stipend, publication/documentation/dissemination costs, computer services