



Supplemental NJCCR Bridge Grant Guidelines for RFA 2027

Purpose:

The purpose of the Bridge grant program is to strengthen the competitive position of a faculty member whose extramural grant application has already been **scored and funded** but who is facing a lapse in federal funding research. Grant Application that was not funded (scored only or not discussed) are not eligible.

Eligibility Criteria:

The Principal Investigator (PI) must have had as PI or Multiple Principal Investigator (MPI) an active or recently active major federal peer-reviewed grant with annual direct costs exceeding \$150,000. (M)PIs of an R01-level program projects are eligible but not site-PIs on grants of other PIs.

- The funded major federal grant must have remained active through at least December 31, 2024 or must be scheduled to end no later than December 31, 2026. The PI must hold no other peer-reviewed federal grants with annual direct costs exceeding \$150,000 that extend beyond December 31, 2026. Federal grants awarded July 1, 2026 or later do not preclude NJCCR Bridge funds.

Required Documentation:

- The PI must submit the Reviewer's Summary Statement for the most recently funded major federal grant.
- If the PI has submitted a newer grant application for the major federal grant that has been scored—regardless of whether it was funded—the Reviewer's Summary Statement for that application shall also be provided when available.

Scenarios:

1. I have a 5-year grant ending in December 15, 2025. I am in the process of submitting a new proposal but do not yet have the summary statement. Am I eligible?

Yes. Please submit the NIH summary statement for the grant that is currently funded.

2. I had a 3-year grant that ended in December 15, 2023, and I have submitted a new proposal that was scored but not funded. Am I eligible?

No. The previously funded grant was not active within the past 18 months prior to July 1, 2026, so it does not meet eligibility requirements.

3. I have a major NIH grant that will end in December 31, 2026. I anticipate a short gap in funding. Am I eligible for the Bridge Grant?

Yes. Please submit the NIH summary statement for the funded grant, as well as the summary statement for any new grant application that has been submitted when available, even if it was not funded.

4. I have an NIH grant that will end in December 15, 2027. I anticipate a short gap in funding. Am I eligible for the Bridge Grant?

No. This grant would not be eligible because the NIH funding period overlaps extensively with the NJCCR Bridge Grant period.

5. I have not received major NIH funding in the past and have not had active funds within the last 18 months. However, my recent grant application was scored and shows strong potential for funding. Am I eligible?

No. To qualify, the PI must have had a previously funded grant that meets the eligibility criteria. A scored but unfunded application alone does not meet the eligibility criteria.