

USask CIHR Project Grant Bridge Funding Program

Program Overview

The CIHR Project Grant Bridge Funding Program supports USask faculty, who received a high score in the Project Grant competition but were not funded, in re-applying for CIHR funding.

Up to four (4) bridge funding awards of \$20k or two (2) awards of \$40K will be available for the Spring 2026 Project Grant competition

Only one (1) application for this program per applicant per calendar year will be accepted. Faculty may receive only one (1) bridge funding award every two (2) years.

Awarded bridge funding must be expended within two (2) years from funding start date. No extensions will be provided, and unused funds remaining at the end of two (2) years will be returned. Any over-expenditure is the sole responsibility of the recipient. All expenses must abide by the [Tri-Agency Financial Administrative Guide](#).

Guidelines for Applicants

1. Eligibility Criteria:

- The nominated Principal Investigator must be a USask faculty member with a university appointment that extends beyond the requested application funding period.
- Applications must have undergone **formal USask CIHR Internal Review**.
- Only applications that received a **rank of >50% within their review committee** will be considered.
- Only applicants who are **NOT** receiving concurrent bridge funding from any source (including CoMBridge from College of Medicine) will be eligible to apply;
- Principal Applicants must agree to **re-apply to the CIHR Project Grant program within one (1) year** of receiving bridge funding.

Priority will be given to:

- > applications with higher overall rankings;
- > applicants who have not previously received bridge funding support from USask bridge funding program and/or CoMBridge
- > faculty within the first five years of appointment ; and
- > interdisciplinary applications

2. Procedure to Apply:

- Applications must be submitted via [UnivRS](#)
(Note: When adding key information in the new project application choose *CIHR Project Grant: Bridge Funding () Office of the Vice-President Research* under Agency Program)

- Applicants must submit a **single PDF document** which includes copies in the following order:
 - USask CIHR Bridge Funding Program Application form (A copy of the application form can be found at our Tricouncil website under [Internal Funding-Project Grant Bridge Funding](#))
 - CIHR Project Grant notice of award (notice of decision document)
 - Reviewer's comments

3. Deadline to Apply: Fully complete applications must be submitted to UnivRS by **August 20, 2026**

Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted.

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