Premise:
Investigators with established grant support may experience brief unfunded periods that jeopardize the continuity of ongoing successful research programs. To avert major disruptions to these programs, the campus Office of Research and the School of Medicine Deans Office partner to provide PI Bridge Funding through the UCD Office of Research. However, this program alone has some significant limitations: 1) currently support is capped at $30,000 in one-time funds; and 2) funding is not available until the PI has already lost, or is on the immediate threshold of losing, extramural funding to be eligible. Consequently, the School of Medicine will consider earlier requests for supplemental Bridge Program funding that would be coordinated with the existing program.

Eligibility and Evaluation Criteria; and Funding Parameters:
1. The PI has received previous extramural funding and anticipates temporarily losing support from an extramural grant.
2. The PI has recently submitted a new or revision grant application that is pending, or intends to submit one within the next two grant cycles.
3. Demonstration of need: A loss of extramural funding would seriously disrupt an ongoing program that is likely to soon regain funding. Priority will be given to funding key personnel (e.g., laboratory technicians, SRAs, grad students or post-docs) and essential supplies.
4. The PI's home department commits to partially matching any Deans Bridge Support (on a sliding scale of between 25-50% of the total request, depending on departmental reserves).
5. Applicants must also apply for Bridge Funding through the UCD Office of Research, as soon as they are eligible for funding. (For details, see http://www.research.ucdavis.edu/home.cfm?id=OVC,0,1154,1343)

Procedure for application for bridge funding:
1. Applications for SOM funds should be directed to the Associate Dean for Research as an entry point. Send requests in writing to the attention of Dr. Ted Wandzilak at MedBridgeAndMatchFunds@ucdavis.edu. (See above web address for campus Bridge Funding procedures.)
2. The application letter should be accompanied by:
   a. PI’s NIH biosketch,
   b. Reviewers’ pink sheets from recent non-funded grant(s),
   c. PI’s written responses to reviewers,
   d. A letter of support from department chair, including any departmental match commitment to the bridge funding request,
   e. A justification of needs statement, a specific dollar request for a defined budget period and supporting budget details.
3. A UCDHS review committee will rank the application according to the specific criteria and guiding principles and make a recommendation for partial or full funding.
4. Funding decisions will be approved by Executive Associate Dean for Research and Education.

Mechanism for funding:
1. Initial internal fund source will be identified by the Dean’s Office.
2. If the PI re-establishes extramural funding during the bridge period, un-used bridge funds are returned to the pool.