Grant and Fellowships Program
2021 Bridge Grant
Application Instructions

Applications must be submitted through our online application portal by following the link at https://proposalcentral.com/ProposalGI.asp?SectionID=9274&ProposalID=-1. Applications will be accepted for projects to begin either February 1, 2021 or August 1, 2021. Applications received before 5 P.M. PACIFIC TIME ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2020 to be considered for the February project start date, while those received AFTER NOVEMBER 13, 2020 and BEFORE 5 P.M. PACIFIC TIME ON MONDAY, APRIL 12, 2021 will be considered for the August start date.

- Application forms ask for general applicant, project, and institutional information. You will also be asked to identify whether you wish to be considered for a K-type bridge, R-type bridge award or COVID-19 related hardships.
- All other application materials (A-H below) must be submitted via web pages or individual PDFs on the “References and Supporting Attachments” page.
- As part of this application you will be asked to submit both the original research plan and resulting summary statement from an application that was submitted to NIH (or equivalent) for either a K- or R- award (or equivalent).
- If you wish to submit multiple documents for a single field (e.g. multiple letters of support) you must combine these documents into a single PDF for upload.
- The same PI may only apply to one NPF Research Grant mechanism per cycle.
- If you are resubmitting a previous application, you will have the opportunity to identify as a resubmission on the application form. It is required that you address reviewer comments from your previous submission in a cover letter.
- IRB/IACUC approval should be initiated prior to award date as to not delay the project start date.

You will have the ability to revisit your application multiple times before submitting and are encouraged to familiarize yourself with the on-line form before filling it in.

Refer to the 2021 Bridge Grant RFA or email us at research@psoriasis.org for additional information.

Required Application Materials:

A. LAYMAN’S STATEMENT AND SUMMARY FIGURE

Summarize the proposed research for a non-scientific audience in a written statement accompanied by one summary figure. The statement should describe the research question, the aims of the project, and the project’s significance. The layman’s statement must be different from the abstract and is weighted significantly by NPF’s Board of Directors when making its final funding recommendations. Keep in mind that the accompanying figure may be the only thing that leaves a lasting impression with the Board, so do your best to communicate the significance of your proposed research with simple diagram(s), image(s), and/or graph(s). Layman’s statement must not exceed 1200 characters and must include one summary figure. Please upload summary figure on the “References and Supporting Attachments” page.

B. SCIENTIFIC ABSTRACT

Summarize the proposed research for a scientific audience. Abstract must not exceed 2100 characters, including spaces.

C. COVER LETTER

Provide a letter introducing your project, describing why you are interested in the NPF Bridge Grant program, and why the project being proposed will be of interest to the psoriatic disease patient community. Please specify which Bridge Grant Program you are applying to, K-Type, R-Type, or COVID-19 related gap funding and address your specific need as it pertains to the program.
D. BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH(ES)

Use the NIH format to provide a biographical sketch of the proposal’s principal investigator, co-investigators, and other key personnel who will play a significant role on the project. Each biographical sketch must not exceed 5 pages. Please upload on the “References and Supporting Attachments” page under the “Biosketch” dropdown.

E. LETTER(S) OF SUPPORT

Provide letters of support from collaborators or supporting people/facilities/resources who will contribute to the proposed research. If the applicant is a postdoctoral fellow (K-type or COVID-19 delay in faculty appointment), a letter of support from the applicant’s mentor must be provided. For newly appointed faculty, please include a letter of support from the Chair of your department.

F. RESEARCH PROPOSAL

Provide the original research plan submitted with your application to NIH (or equivalent). For applications seeking bridge funding for COVID-19 delays, please provide a research plan for a future grant submission. Research proposals must include the following five sections:

I. Specific aims: The goals of this one-year proposal should be succinctly stated. What do you intend to accomplish? What hypothesis is to be tested? Include one or two sentences about how this proposal will get us closer to a cure for psoriatic disease.

II. Background and significance: Why is the research important? Evaluate existing knowledge in the field and specifically identify the possible contributions that your investigation may make.

III. Preliminary data/studies: Use this opportunity to describe published or unpublished data that support your hypothesis, specific aims, and/or experimental design.

IV. Experiment design: Describe the experimental design, the procedures to be used, and the manner in which the data will be analyzed. Descriptions of established lab procedures are not necessary.

V. References: List of references cited (not counted towards page limit).

Research Proposal Format:
- 5-page maximum, including figures and tables, but excluding references
- Minimum of 12-point font size
- Minimum of 1-inch margins
- Figures must be legible
- Up to two additional copies of original figures may be appended if required for clarity.

G. SUMMARY STATEMENT (only for K-type or R-type)

Provide the complete summary statement provided following review of your application to NIH (or equivalent).

H. BUDGET PERIOD DETAIL

Provide a detailed budget based on NIH budget categories. Each grant is limited to $50,000 for one year for K-type and COVID-19 related Bridge or $100,000 for one year for R-type Bridge. Indirect costs are not allowed. List all personnel to be included in the project and their anticipated support. Include a concise statement of how you propose to allocate funds (amount and for what purpose).

For more information on 2021 Bridge Grants, please visit: https://www.psoriasis.org/bridge-grants/.