



Tuberculosis Research Advancement Center
Emory/Georgia

BRIDGE AWARD – REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS

This is a special request for applications (RFA) for Bridge Awards to be supported through the NIH-funded (P30AI168386) Emory/Georgia Tuberculosis Research Advancement Center (TRAC). This RFA aims to support **U.S.-based TRAC TB investigators** who have been impacted by recent funding cuts because of changes in funding priorities of the U.S. government through small awards of \$1,000 - \$20,000. Funds may be requested, for example for the orderly closeout of a study, including sample shipping, or for data analyses for preliminary data to include in a future grant application. Applications clearly describing how the award would lead to future funding or career advancement will be favorably reviewed.

Examples of eligible expenses include, but are not limited to:

- Reagents and/or lab personnel to complete a set of assays to generate data for publication or preliminary data for a grant submission.
- Staff effort for a limited and finite amount of time to complete a body of work or bridge until secured future funding is received.
- Creation of preliminary data for a grant submission, for example through a new collaboration or a new area of research for the investigator. Collaborative grants will be funding preference.
- Expenses associated with the orderly closeout of a human subject trial/study, including sample shipping.
- Consultant expenses, for example for a grant writing or biostatistical consult.
- Help address costs associated with transitioning from a international to domestic study site.

Please contact TRAC Manager Lisa Sharling (lisa.sharling@emory.edu) with questions regarding this RFA. In addition, a consultation from the TRAC Scientific Cores or the Developmental Cores may be requested through the online [Service Request Form](#).

Expected outcomes are to provide support to help mitigate the effects of funding cuts on TRAC TB investigators through helping investigators complete and publish partially completed aims and sub-aims where feasible, pivot to new areas of TB-related research, develop new collaborations, and generate preliminary data for future grant applications.

Eligibility

Any faculty at an Emory/Georgia TRAC U.S. institution (Emory, UGA, GA Tech). Post Docs (PhDs, PharmD, DVMs, DDS/DMD, and MDs including those in residency or fellowship) who have a need for bridge funding should contact the TRAC Program manager Lisa Sharling by email (lisa.sharling@emory.edu) to discuss their need.

Letter of Intent Required

Interested applicants must submit a Letter of Intent via the [online form](#). Please wait to be contacted with confirmation that your proposed project is likely to be eligible and fundable before proceeding with submitting an application.

Application Requirements

- NIH biosketch for all key personnel
- 2-page proposal to include:
 - A description of how the investigator and/or research project has been impacted by changes in funding priorities of the U.S. government.
 - A clear description of how the requested funds will be used.

- Describe how the award would help bridge or pivot the investigator's research portfolio or support completion of a body of work for publication or support future grant proposal, where applicable.
- Timeline of the proposed work, including publication and/or future grant applications where applicable.
- Line-item budget and budget justification
- Follow [NIH Guidelines](#) for formatting, including page size, margins, font size and type density. No larger than standard letter paper size (8 ½" x 11"), at least one-half inch margins for all pages, font size 11 points or larger, etc.

Application Process: **SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION ONLINE [HERE](#)**. If you have any questions, please contact the TRAC Program Manager Lisa Sharling (lisa.sharling@emory.edu).

Allowable Costs: Funds may be used for salary/wages of study personnel or consultants (including biostatistical assistance), Emory/Georgia TRAC Core service costs, other research expenses will be considered based on their necessity for the research to be successfully conducted. All requests must be well justified. No indirect costs are allowed.

Rolling Application Deadline: Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis through **October 31, 2025**, under this RFA. All submissions will be circulated for review by an internal committee, and a decision will be made within 4 weeks. If a proposal is selected for funding, additional time will be needed to work with the appropriate financial team to set up access to funds. We anticipate that there will be a minimum of two TRAC Bridge Awards issued.

Awardee Expectations

- IRB approval or exemption **must be obtained** before any funds are released.
- Awardees will be required to submit a 12-month progress report using a template provided by the TRAC.
- Awardees will be required to cite the **Emory/Georgia TRAC grant number (P30AI168386)** in all publications and presentations including findings generated with the support of the grant.
- Awardees will be required to submit their updated NIH biosketch and fill out an annual career survey to track their advancement in the field, ***as well as serve on the TRAC Developmental Core mock study section committee and/or review a TRAC Award application during the time of their award.***