Application Instructions
2019 Bridge Grants

Instructions:

Applications must be submitted through our online application portal by following the link at www.psoriasis.org/grants. Applications will be accepted year round for projects to begin either February 1, 2019 or August 1, 2019. Those applications received before 5 P.M. Pacific Time on Monday, October 15, 2018 will be considered for the February project start date, while those received after October 15, 2018 and before 5 P.M. Pacific Time on Monday April 15, 2019 will be considered for the August start date. The online portal will take you to an application form that asks for general applicant, project, and institutional information. Through this portal you will also be asked to identify whether you wish to be considered for a K-type bridge or R-type bridge award. All other application materials (A-G below) must be submitted as individual pdfs in the specified fields. 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). Note that 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. 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 2019 Bridge Grant RFP or email us at research@psoriasis.org for additional information.

Format:

A. 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.

B. LAYMAN’S STATEMENT
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 200 words and must include one figure.** Text included in the figure will not count towards the 200 word limit.

C. BUDGET
Provide a detailed budget based on NIH budget categories. Each grant is limited to **$50,000 for one year for K-type 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). NPF does not require that budgets be submitted in any particular format.

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.**

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, a letter of support from the applicant’s immediate supervisor must be provided.**

F. RESEARCH PROPOSAL
Provide the original research plan submitted with your application to NIH (or equivalent).

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