Request for Proposals:  
2019 Bridge Grants

Purpose:  
The National Psoriasis Foundation (NPF) is offering Bridge Grants to support researchers who have submitted meritorious but unfunded K-type (career development) and R-type applications to the National Institutes of Health (NIH), or similar funding body, with a focus on psoriatic disease or related comorbidities. Through this special opportunity, NPF provides a critical year of additional support to near-miss applicants so that they can collect data that strengthens a future application. In line with NPF’s mission, Bridge Grants will provide an important life-line to help support long-term careers of psoriatic disease researchers who will go on to make discoveries that bring us closer to a cure for psoriatic disease and improve patients’ lives.

Anticipated number of awards:  
As many as two (2) Bridge Grants may be awarded in 2019. Awards are contingent upon the availability of funds and the receipt of sufficiently meritorious applications.

Budget:  
Applicants may request up to $50,000 (direct costs only) for K-type bridge or up to $100,000 for R-type bridge (direct costs only) per year.

Project period/important dates:  
This Request for Proposal covers two possible project periods, each being one year in length. Applications will be accepted year-round. See below for project timelines.

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Eligibility:  
The principal investigator must be personally and actively responsible for the conduct of the proposed research, and eligible to apply for research grants under the guidelines of the applicant’s host institution. The project proposed must have been submitted as an unfunded application for either a K-type or R-type (or equivalent) award focused on psoriasis, psoriatic arthritis, or related comorbidities.

Application:  
Applicants will follow instructions in the on-line portal at www.psoriasis.org/grants to resubmit their original research proposal along with the complete summary statement. Applications to this program will forego standard scientific merit review by NPF and move directly to the NPF Research Committee for consideration for funding based on patient input and Foundation priorities.

Questions:  
For more information on NPF Bridge Grants please send an email to research@psoriasis.org.