

CANR/AgBioResearch Discretionary Funding Initiative (CANR/ AgBioResearch-DFI)

The CANR/ AgBioResearch DFI is in partnership with the Office for Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies (OVRGS). Information on the program from the OVRGS is below. OVRGS requires that applications be screened according to college priorities before being forwarded for review by their office. CANR/ AgBioResearch will submit requests that meet the college-specific criteria listed below. Requests will be considered from individuals and groups who have recently applied for federal funding, received favorable reviews, but were not funded. The application must show how short-term bridging funds would allow the applicant to be successful when the proposal is resubmitted.

Application requirements:

1. The test of the unfunded grant application to be bridged, and the reviews.
2. A description of the plan for addressing the reviews, and a time table for the resubmitting the application to funding agencies.
3. A one year budget with justification (total budget \leq \$50,000).
4. Additional supporting information as appropriate.
5. A letter of support from the applicant's departmental chair(s).
6. The department/program will be required to contribute 50% of the required match (20% of total budget).
7. Submit entire package electronically to Doug Buhler (buhler@anr.msu.edu).

Evaluation Criteria

1. Scientific merit of the project.
2. Likelihood of funding by the external agency as evidenced by reviews of initial application.
3. Historic scientific and funding productivity of the PI
4. Funding agency (federal funding is preferred).
5. Evidence of need.
6. Departmental Support.

Discretionary Funding Initiative (DFI)

The Competitive Discretionary Funding Program (CDFP) will no longer be offered by the Office of the Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies. Instead faculty who require funding to bridge grants or for additional studies needed for resubmission of a grant application may be eligible for the Discretionary Funding Initiative (DFI). The submission of applications to the DFI program is a two step process. Faculty will be required to submit a request to their Research Associate Dean, and applications supported by the college will then be recommended to the Office of the Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies. The maximum DFI award from the OVRGS is \$50K and there is an additional requirement of a 20% match to be provided by the unit or college. It should be noted that, although the recommendation of the College will be one of the primary criteria for the decision on funding of DFI projects, not all projects recommended will necessarily be funded.

Colleges will develop their own process for submitting and reviewing applications at the college level.

When a project is recommended to the OVPRGS by an Associate Dean, PIs will be required to submit their application using the grant proposal system (<https://gps.vprgs.msu.edu/>). Applicants will be expected to provide copies of their previous external reviews or reject letter, if applicable, and describe the work that will be completed to address the comments provided in these documents. Also, all PIs will be required to submit an electronic transmittal.

Please refer to the Council of Research Deans (CORD) website (www.cord.msu.edu) for a list of Research Associate Deans.

Sincerely,

Estelle McGroarty

Associate Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies