

BRIDGE Fund Fall 2019

The University of Massachusetts Medical School (UMMS) has established a new fund to support innovative scientific advances at UMMS. The BRIDGE Fund will provide an infusion of up to \$1 million annually to UMMS faculty and scientists whose research shows particular promise for commercialization and translation to a clinical application.

Guided by a newly established external advisory board (EAB) comprised of a diverse group of industry leaders. The institution is reinvesting proceeds from previous IP asset commercialization revenues to create the fund, and to invest in the next-generation of UMMS innovation.

Funding is expected to be used for critical experiments that attract commercial sponsors, licensees, or investors for start-ups and unlock the value of our research. The proposals will also be used to engage the private sector to better understand in what areas partners are willing to carry this work forward to impact.

Criteria:

- Open to UMass Medical School personnel
- Must have IP filing (minimally an invention disclosure) with BRIDGE-OTM
- Technology should not already be committed to a third party
- Submissions should be non-confidential; it should describe how milestones described would attract partners/investors
- Funding size \$100k-\$250K; it may be tranching based on amount and milestones

Timeline:

- Fall funding cycle will open on September 3, 2019
- BRIDGE Fund Workshop I on September 12, 2019 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM, AS7-2072
 - Please RSVP: steven.munevar@umassmed.edu
- BRIDGE Fund Workshop II on September 20, 2019 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM, AS7-2072
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- Deadline for Letter of Intent (LOI) submissions: October 7, 2019
- Finalists will be notified and with EAB feedback: November 13, 2019
- Final presentations submitted to BRIDGE Fund: December 4, 2019
- Finalists present to the EAB: December 6, 2019

Please see additional details and resources: <https://www.umassmed.edu/bridge/bridge-fund/>

Please use the *Submission* link to submit your LOI: [Submission](#)

For questions, please email: steven.munevar@umassmed.edu

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