

Bridges Awards FAQ

Within what time frame do I need to spend these funds?

(e.g., what if the leadership development opportunity I am interested in is offered only alternate years, with the next opportunity one year from now, but before the next Bridges application cycle?) (e.g., if I am doing an educational project, can I take 2-3 years to do it, from design to implementation?)

For the Individual Faculty Professional/Leadership Development Grant Individual Award, the experience should take place within one year of applying. Applicants interested in an alternate year experience should apply the year the experience will occur (e.g., if it is an “off year”, the applicant should submit the application the following year.)

For the Education Innovation Project Grant project, funds can be spent over 3 years. Awardees will be required to submit annual progress reports.

Do I have to be accepted into the formal training program I am interested in before applying for Bridges funds? Can I apply for Bridges funds conditionally?

It is acceptable to apply for funds, with the award conditional on acceptance. Funds would be granted once evidence of acceptance is provided.

Do I have to submit any reports?

Progress reports are required annually throughout the approved period of funding. A final report is required at the end of the funding period or upon completion of the project activity.

Are there restrictions on my use of funds?

Justification for how the funds will be used must be clearly provided within the application. At this time, we are not aware of any specific restrictions, but will notify applicants should this arise.

If the review committee has questions about my proposal, will I have a chance to address them before you make your final decision?

Yes, we will contact the applicant if we have questions.

Whom can I contact if I have questions as I prepare my application?

- Contact Dianna Ploof with any questions: dianna.ploof@chp.edu; 412 692-6522 (o) 412 953-3173 (cell)
- Submissions should be emailed to Lola Suvak by midnight of the due date: suvakll@upmc.edu