

OFD-Bridges Award

Individual Faculty Professional/Leadership Development

Frequently Asked Questions.

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 upon acceptance to a leadership program

What if the leadership experience I am interested in is only offered on alternate years, or after the OFD/Bridges application due date?

Applicants interested in an alternate year experience should apply as close as possible to the year the experience will occur, unless waiting would exceed the leadership program's application decision date.

The leadership development experience – or date of acceptance into a leadership program - should take place within one year of the award date for OFD funds.

For this year's OFD-Bridges proposal submission period, applications can be made for leadership programs with acceptance or start dates between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2019.

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

The review committee will contact the applicant if there are questions

How do I calculate travel expenses?

Use GSA per diem rates when planning travel budget for leadership training. Registration, educational fees should also be included in your budget (up to \$1500).

<https://www.gsa.gov/travel/plan-book/per-diem-rates/per-diem-rates-lookup>

What if the training program fees and travel expenses exceed \$1500?

OFD/Bridges funds can be used towards the total cost of an experience if the applicant indicates strategies to finance the remaining balance.

If awarded, how does the funding work? Will you need/require expense reports?

Funds will be disbursed once evidence of acceptance to a program is provided. We will work with you and your department as to the best way to disburse the funds.

If there are substantial changes in your plans, post-funding, be sure to keep us informed. We want you to be successful

Will you require anything post award?

We will be interested to learn your plans to locally disseminate the knowledge or skills you gained from the leadership program. (e.g., faculty development workshop, QI project, change activity, etc.) We will also be interested to learn your perspective about the quality of the leadership program you completed.

Who can I contact if I have further questions?

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