

ALSF Bridge Grants

What:

ALSF's Bridge Grant is meant to fill the gap between the end of a National Institute of Health R or P Award and the beginning of new or competitively renewed NIH Award for an ongoing research project. ALSF will support projects via this mechanism for a maximum of 12 months. If NIH funding is secured and begins before the end of this 12 month period, ALSF must be notified, and will cease its financial support of the project. Projects funded via this mechanism that do not receive funding from the NIH within 12 months are not eligible to reapply for the ALSF Bridge Grant.

Who:

Researchers who have applied to the NIH and have scored competitively but outside of the agency's fundable range within the last 6 months are eligible for ALSF's Bridge Grant. Applicants must be reapplying for an R or P Award from the NIH within the next two NIH Grant cycles. Projects must be aligned with ALSF's mission thus focused on better diagnosing or curing childhood cancers. Funds may be used for supplies, personnel, PI's salary or travel and may not exceed \$100,000. ALSF does not pay indirect costs.

Evaluation:

Each application will be reviewed by ALSF's Scientific Advisory Board. In addition to falling into ALSF's mission, reviewers will score applications based on the investigator and their plan to secure additional funding within the 12 month period. At the completion of the 12 months, a final report and budget will be required. Applications will be reviewed on a first come basis and will be accepted until ALSF has funded 3 projects or the respective cycle's due date.

Application: **Cycle I:** Applications due by 1/9/12 at 11:59 PM ET and funding will start 2/15/12
 Cycle II: Applications due by 7/15/12 at 11:59 PM ET and funding will start 9/15/12

All applications must be submitted via www.ALSFgrants.org. Below outlines the components of the application which should be combined into one PDF and uploaded to ALSF online application. All templates can be found on above website.

- Cover Page – Please use ALSF's template and include signature from institutional representative
- Cover Letter – Please outline the importance of the project as it pertains to childhood cancer. Include how bridge funding from ALSF will help secure future funding and the strategy for obtaining funding. (maximum 2 pages)
- Application Body – Previously reviewed application, indicating any changes made due to the feedback from the NIH reviews.
- Summary Statement – Please include the summary statement or letter from previous submission with priority score/percent score and critique. (Official letter from NIH must be dated within 6 months of ALSF Bridge Grant Due Date.)
- Response to NIH Critique – Using bullet points, indicate how you have responded (or will) to the major criticisms of the review. (maximum 1 page)
- Budget – Please use ALSF budget template. ALSF does not pay indirect costs.
- NIH Biosketch(es) – Include only if they are not in the original body of your application. Please include for any key personnel and principal investigator.

Restrictions:

Although, ALSF recognizes the importance of projects focused on subsequent complications from cancer treatments and quality of life and care, at this time they will not be considered for the Bridge Funding grant category.