

Documents must be uploaded separately.

Applications should be submitted online at:

<https://orit.research.bcm.edu/R5T80IF3WH2/BridgeToIndependence/Default.aspx>

Application materials must include:

- Cover Page – This page is part of the online application.
- Investigator's Statement – A statement from the applicant with an explicit rationale for support, including the investigator's efforts to date to obtain independent funding. One paragraph must assess the potential for impactful science from this application. Another paragraph must assess the potential for NIH or equivalent funding. This section of the application has a three-page limit, single-spaced, 11 point Arial font with ½" margins.
- Other Support - A list of all current and completed sources of funds available to the applicant, prepared according to NIH guidelines for information on "Other Support." Also include a list of personnel presently in the laboratory and the source(s) of their salary support. This should include support from departmental sources.
- Budget – A detailed budget explaining how funds will be spent (modeled after the first-year budget page of an NIH application). Include a detailed justification for each requested budget item. Applicants who demonstrate reasoned minimal budgets will be given greater consideration for funding.
- Biosketch - The investigator's updated NIH biosketch.
- Letter of Endorsement and Commitment – A letter from the academic unit head supporting the applicant which describes the scientific contributions anticipated from the applicant and how these will support the mission of BCM. The letter should also describe departmental support given the applicant, including the level of departmental funding committed, or an explanation for why departmental support is not provided.

- Grants Applications and Reviews – A list of applications submitted for external independent research funding. The list should include the award name, sponsor name, project title, and requested award amount/dates. Include a copy of reviews/summary statements when available.
- Prior Bridge Funding Outcomes – Summary of prior bridge funding efforts and awards.