

## IOCB Bridging Support (IOCB Bridge)

### Purpose:

The IOCB Bridging Support is intended to temporarily fund a research group that finds itself in a situation of temporary loss of external funding for reasons beyond its control. The IOCB Bridge support is available in instances when external funding has expired and renewal of external funding is expected in the near future. The IOCB Bridge is used to bridge the funding gap until new external funding is obtained with maximum duration of one year. The IOCB Bridge support should be consumed within one year (it is not transferable) or until external funding is granted. Only the group leader can apply for the IOCB Bridge.

### Eligibility:

- External funding for the operational and personnel costs required for the sustainability of the group is not currently available in the group, whose leader is applying for IOCB Bridge support.
- The group leader must demonstrate the submission of an unsuccessful project proposal to an external funding agency.
- For collaborative grants, only the IOCB part of the project will be supported.

### Financial means:

- 1) Eligible costs:
  - a) Operational costs applied for in the original project proposal (i.e., GA CR = material costs: material costs, travel costs, service costs and other non-consumable costs).
  - b) Personnel costs of the project members requested in the original project proposal.
- 2) Ineligible costs: salary of the group leader, overheads, investment costs.

The proposed IOCB Bridge budget may be up to 80% of the first year (12 months) costs requested by the original project proposal.

### Proposal requirements:

- Justification letter giving a reason for applying.
- A copy of the project proposal submitted to the funding agency call.
- The evaluation reports of the external funding agency (Protocol & all Reviews).
- Proposed financial budget requested from IOCB Bridge support.
- Past 5 years external funding history (title of the project, name of funding agency, requested budget, duration of the project).
- Specifics of further applications submitted to fund the same project through another funding agency (title of the project, name of funding agency, the role of the applicant, duration of the project, requested budget, expected date of result announcement).

### Evaluation criteria:

- Quality and significance of the project.
- The applicant's experience in obtaining external funding.
- The applicant's potential for obtaining external funding in the future.

The decision to award the IOCB Bridge lies with the IOCB director.

**Deadlines and submission procedure:**

- Applications can be submitted on a rolling basis upon the publication of the call results by respective funding agency.
- Funding of IOCB Bridge will be started on a rolling basis upon evaluation.
- Applications should be sent electronically to: [IOCBgrants@uochb.cas.cz](mailto:IOCBgrants@uochb.cas.cz).

**Reporting:**

- The final report must be submitted within three months of the end of the IOCB Bridge support. The report should be about 1-2 pages and should summarize the results as well as possible plans for further work to be undertaken.
- The report should be sent electronically to: [IOCBgrants@uochb.cas.cz](mailto:IOCBgrants@uochb.cas.cz).
- Within 1 year of the end of the IOCB Bridge support, the group leader or a team member should submit a project proposal to an external funding agency.

## IOCB Bridge Budget Template

Name of principal investigator:

Title of project

Support duration:

Overview of Operational costs	in thousand CZK
Material Costs (consumables,...)	
Travel costs	
Services and other non-consumable costs	
<b>Total Operational costs</b>	<b>0</b>

Overview personnel costs					in thousand CZK
position	name	workload FTE	gross salary/ month	# months	gross salary/ year
PI					0
Postdoc					0
PhD student					0
Undergraduate student					0
Lab manager/technician					0
					0
					0
					0
					0
					0
					0
					0
					0
					0
Social&Health insurance					0
<b>Total Personnel costs</b>					<b>0</b>

<b>The total budget required for IOCB Bridge support (in thousands CZK)</b>	<b>0</b>
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Specification of the justification for the funding (if different from the original project):

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## Final report

**Name of principal investigator:**

**Title of project**

**Support duration:**

*The report should be about 1-2 pages and should summarize the results as well as possible plans for further work to be undertaken.*

### Activities implemented, work progress and outputs achieved:

### Please provide information about your project submission.

Name of funding agency:	
Call specification:	
Expected date of submission:	

### Financial support:

- ☐ the financial support has been fully spent
- ☐ the financial support has been partially spent

In the case of underspending, please provide a justification and a plan to use the remaining funds.

- Do jednoho roku od ukončení podpory IOCB Bridge musí vedoucí skupiny nebo člen týmu podat návrh projektu ke externí grantové agentuře.