



Bringing Research In Diabetes to Global Environments and Systems

Letter of intent, BRIDGES third round of funding part 1

BRIDGES and D-START

In order to support translational research in diabetes, the International Diabetes Federation has developed two funding programs supported by an educational grant from Eli Lilly and Company:

BRIDGES (Bringing Research in Diabetes to Global Environments and Systems)

D-START (Diabetes, Supporting TrAnslational Research and Twinning).

You will find more information about each program on our website www.idfbridges.org

BRIDGES is an extremely competitive program (9 projects out of 147 applications were selected for the second round) and only state of the art applications will be selected. Before you start completing your letter of intent for BRIDGES, we highly encourage you to navigate on the website and analyze if:

- Your proposed project meets the inclusion criteria and our definition of translational research
- Which funding programme, BRIDGES or D-START, is more suitable for your organization

If you have any question about the 2 programs and which funding opportunity you should address, feel free to contact us by email at: bridges@idf.org

Helpful information

Before you complete the document, we highly encourage you to:

- ✓ Consult our website (especially the general information section)
- ✓ Read the Approved projects supported by BRIDGES in the first 2 rounds of funding
- ✓ Download and study the help kit on our website which includes:
 - A presentation on grant writing developed by Dr Narayan (Emory University) which was used for the BRIDGES workshops. The presentation is available in English, French, Spanish and Russian
 - An example of how to calculate sample size using an on-line power calculators
 - A sample budget and budget justification
 - A list of websites and articles on developing translational research grants
 - A "summarized" version of an application that was considered to be good and approved for the 1st round of funding in 2008



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How to complete the application form

- ✓ The document is made of 3 parts: Part 1 (introduction); Part 2 (General information); Part 3 (information on your project).
- ✓ The document must be completed in English
- ✓ Only part 2 (general information) and part 3 (information on your project) must be sent
- ✓ The documents must be submitted electronically
- ✓ The documents must be sent together and in one email only
- ✓ The document must be sent as a word document (not pdf)
- ✓ The number of words/pages requested per section must be adhered to
- ✓ Indicate all amounts in US dollars
- ✓ Application must be completed using font Verdana 10pt, single space
- ✓ Incomplete or multiple applications for the same project will not be considered.
- ✓ Applications from Member Associations of IDF must be submitted with a letter signed by the Chair/President of the Association
- ✓ Applications by non-member associations of IDF must be submitted with a signed letter from the main institution indicating they support the application

Requirements for the application (checklist)

Have you included with your application:

- ✓ The completed application form (part 2 and part 3)
- ✓ A letter of reference from each institution involved in the project (attached as separate document(s))
- ✓ CV of each investigator (maximum 3 pages) including a list of publications related to the project

We strongly suggest that applicants:

- ✓ Start preparing the application form early
- ✓ Avoid submitting your application at the 'last minute'
- ✓ Extensively research the literature to support of the proposed project
- ✓ Have an independent person read the application to check the grammar and spelling and revise the application accordingly. Spell check is not a guarantee of correct spelling in all contexts
- ✓ Be concise
- ✓ Have the application reviewed and edited by peers before submission
- ✓ Have the budget reviewed by an accountant if possible or someone familiar with grant proposals
- ✓ Use bullet points and tables where possible, e.g. list the measurement tools, and outcomes



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Submitting the letter of intent

The completed documents should be sent to the IDF Executive Office by email to: bridges@idf.org

For more information, you can contact the International Diabetes Federation (IDF) Ronan L'Heveder, Project Manager BRIDGES, ronan@idf.org

Selection procedure

Letters of intent received before the deadline will be reviewed by the BRIDGES Review Committee in October 2010. To ensure transparency and equity, only part 3 (information on your project) will be submitted to the reviewers.

Only applicants whose projects meet the criteria for BRIDGES funding will be asked to submit a full application. The deadline for the full application will be 15 January 2011. The decision of the BRIDGES Review Committee is final.

BRIDGES acceptance of the letter of intent does not imply the project will be funded.

Deadline for submission of the letter of intent:

01 October 2010 20.00 (GMT+1)

Letters of intent received after this date and time will not be considered