



Department of Medicine

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO
ANSCHUTZ MEDICAL CAMPUS

The Department of Medicine 'Just-Missed R01' Program

The goal of the **Just-Missed R01** Program is to sustain research-focused faculty who are having difficulties conducting highly significant research due to temporary funding challenges. This Program is modeled after the NIH R56 Program. *The ideal candidate for the program will be an investigator who just missed the funding payline on their A1 or terminal submission of an NIH R01 proposal.* These funds are intended to allow faculty to obtain key preliminary data and maintain research personnel to enable funding successful submission of a revised R01 application. Priority will be given to faculty whose R01 proposals received positive reviews with addressable comments and are within 10% of the payline. This Program differs from the School of Medicine bridge program because a complete loss (or imminent complete loss) of major grant funding is not an eligibility criterion for the Department of Medicine Just-Missed R01 Program.

The following principles will guide our allocation of funds:

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1. These funds will only be available for faculty with a primary appointment in the Department of Medicine, whose research operations are located on the Anschutz campus, and whose indirect costs are assigned to the Department of Medicine.
2. The Program will provide support for faculty with R01 grant applications that have received a favorable review and scored within 10 percentage points over the known NIH payline. (i.e. If the NIH payline is 12%, faculty with R01 applications that received 13-22% are eligible to apply).
3. Faculty may have no more than 1 actively funded federal grant. Faculty with funded K awards and no more than 1 actively funded federal grant are eligible.

APPLICATION PROCESS

1. The process to apply for funding is as follows:
2. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis and should be submitted immediately after council decision for each NIH review cycle.
3. The application should be submitted by a Department of Medicine Division Head on behalf of their faculty member. Submit applications to Jennifer Kemp (Jennifer.T.Kemp@CUAnschutz.edu).
4. The application should include the following:
 - a. A joint letter (2 page maximum) from the division head and applicant:
 - i. Explain the applicant's need
 - ii. Outline the current and future divisional support of the applicant, including salary support and protected time to pursue research. Division heads are expected to provide at least 20% protected time for the applicant.
 - iii. Describe how the funds will be used
 - iv. Provide a proposed budget with requested funding period of up to 12 months.
 - v. Describe plans to respond to the summary statement critique, including an estimate of how long it will take the applicant to be in a position to submit the subsequent R01 proposal.
 - b. Applicant's NIH biosketch.
 - c. Summary statement with impact score/percentile from the unfunded R01 grant application.

REVIEW AND AWARD PROCESS

1. The application will be reviewed by a Department of Medicine committee composed of: The Chair and Vice Chairs of Medicine.
2. The following criteria will be used to select successful applications.
 - a. Likelihood of future success of the R01 proposal that has not received funding. Must demonstrate a clear path to obtaining R01 funding.
 - b. Need of the investigator/program
 - c. Clear evidence of shared responsibility and/or investment by the sponsoring Division.
3. Applicants will only be eligible to receive Department of Medicine Just-Missed R01 funding one time. The duration of the award will be up to 12 months, and the amount of the award will be determined by the review committee and may be up to \$80,000.
4. Support from this program can be applied only to salary for research staff (technician, PA, postdoctoral fellow, graduate student), service contracts, animals, and supplies. Salary for the faculty member is the responsibility of the Division and is not eligible for support by this program.
5. The number of awards made may vary from year to year and will be subject to availability of funds.
6. If the R01 is awarded during the Just-Missed R01 award period, unused funds must be returned to the Department of Medicine (on a prorated basis).
7. A progress report will be due on upon completion of the Just-Missed R01 funding period.