



Dear colleagues,

The Provost Innovation Fund (PIF) is designed to sponsor university-level initiatives in support of strategic priority 2 – goal 1 “Academic Excellence.”

Today, as part of the PIF, I am pleased to announce the allocation of \$500,000 in one-time funds to the newly established BRIDGE program (Building Research, Innovation, Discovery, and Growing Engagement) in order to advance interdisciplinary research teams with an established track record of addressing contemporary problems through applied, basic, or translational research.

Through an internal review process, interdisciplinary research teams will be awarded up to \$175,000 in seed funds to conduct preliminary research that makes them competitive for large-scale, sustainable external funding.

[Visit the BRIDGE website](#) for more details about BRIDGE funds including the program overview, topics of strategic interest, timeline, and review process.