ASH Bridge Grant
Required Documents

Applicants must submit the following documents and forms, which are provided in the online awards portal. If you are having trouble completing your application, please contact awards@hematology.org.

- **Completed Bridge Grant Application Form**
- **Completed Official Authorized to Submit Application for Institution form**
  - Must be signed by the office of sponsored research.
- **Completed Budget Form**
  - Show how the Bridge Grant funds will be used.
  - Show how the $50,000 in new monies from the institutional match will be used (see Matching Funds and Budget below for more information)
- **Completed Budget Supplemental Form**
  - Please follow instructions in the online awards portal.
- **Applicant's NIH Biosketch** ([NIH Biosketch format](#)) (Maximum 5 pages)
  - Must include present position, training, publications, and other current funding.
- **Institutional Commitment Letter From Department Chair or Division Chief**
  - The letter must be signed and on official institution letterhead.
  - The letter should attest to the following:
    - the institutional commitment to applicant
    - the value of the applicant to the institution
    - the explicit institutional match of $50,000 in new monies (see Matching Funds and Budget below for more information)
    - the commitment to maintaining the investigator’s space and position for the duration of the award
    - the training or other professional development opportunities that the institution develops that will be available to the applicant during the award period
- **Specific Aims Page From Original R01**
  - Please DO NOT include the complete R01 application.
Complete Summary Statement From Original R01

- This should include the committee recommendations and individual study section member critiques from the original R01 submission.
- Please redact all scores and percentiles from this summary statement and all other documents in your application, as they will not be used by the ASH study section during the review process.

Response to Critiques From Original R01

- For applicants whose initial (A0) application was not funded: include a two-page response to the study section critiques that addresses the work to be performed prior to resubmission and how each major issue raised in the critique can be answered in a resubmission (document format should follow NIH guidelines).
- For applicants whose resubmitted (A1) application was not funded: include a one-page proposed "specific aims" statement for the next R01 you intend to submit, as well as up to two pages describing how these aims are achievable in the light of the non-funded A1 critiques and your ongoing and near-future research plans (document format should follow NIH guidelines).
- In either case, please be specific about how the ASH Bridge Grant funds will be used.

Documentation From NIH Confirming That Your R01 Score Was Outside of Fundable Range

First-Year Budget From R01

- This will be used only to confirm the percent effort of the applicant on the original R01 application. If your R01 was built on a modular budget, please also provide a detailed budget breakdown.

Matching Funds and Budget

ASH intends for the applicant’s institution to match $50,000 in new monies. This is meant to demonstrate the institution’s support for the investigator and to ensure that the investigator has sufficient support for his/her research efforts.

The matching funds may be used on the salary and benefits of the investigator, the salary and benefits of research personnel, reagents and other research supplies, equipment purchases for use by the investigator (up to $10,000), and indirect costs (up to $25,000).

ASH recognizes that a lapse in funding may occur before the Bridge Grant is awarded. Within reason, funds provided to the investigator following this lapse in funding - but prior to the Bridge Grant being awarded - may be counted toward the match. The institutional commitment letter should attest to the necessity of accounting these funds toward the match.

The matching funds should be well documented in the application. Ideally, applicants will present a visual description of how the matching funds will contribute to their overall research effort in combination with the Bridge Grant and other available funding. This documentation will be considered during the study section review. Inadequate documentation of the match may result in a rejection of the application prior to review.