

Busch Biomedical Grants Frequently Asked Questions 2021

1. Who is eligible to apply?

Only full-time members of the Rutgers faculty at the time of application may apply. This designation includes non-tenure-track, tenure-track, and tenured faculty. The following are NOT eligible to apply: coadjutant appointees, teaching and research assistants, post-doctoral fellows, visiting faculty members, and full-time administrators.

2. I received a Busch Grant in the most recent award cycle, am I eligible to apply?

No, if you received a Busch Biomedical Grant in the prior five award cycles, you are not eligible to apply.

3. Can I apply to both the Busch Biomedical Grant Program and for another internal grant?

No, individuals who have applied for or received concurrent internal grant funding (e.g., Research Council Grant) in the past 12 months are ineligible to apply.

4. Can I apply for two Busch Grants with two different projects?

Applicants may only submit one application as the lead PI, even if the projects fall under different funding mechanisms. They may however serve as a co-investigator on additional Busch Grants.

5. Can I apply with a co-PI from another university?

Yes, as long as all other eligibility requirements are met. However, funds cannot be used to pay for salary for faculty, staff, or students at another university.

6. What is the maximum award amount?

The maximum that you can request for a Busch Biomedical Grant is \$60,000.

7. Is there any disadvantage to requesting the maximum amount of \$60,000 (provided it's fully justified)?

There is no disadvantage to asking for the maximum amount, however, it's possible that you will be awarded less than the amount that you are requesting. It depends on the amount of funding available and the number of applications that we receive.

8. Can I request to purchase equipment over \$5,000?

No, Busch funds cannot be used to purchase major equipment (items over \$5,000).

9. Can grant funds be used for faculty salary?

No, Busch Biomedical Grants may not be used for summer salary, salary supplement, or to pay any part of a grant recipient's salary.

10. What types of grants can be submitted under the Bridging Grants mechanism?

Major federal grants (over 150K per year in direct costs) that were submitted in the 24 months preceding this application. That grant must have received a score but was not funded. The following are ineligible: Non-renewable NIH grants (e.g. R21, R00, K awards), Grants funded by Foundations or Corporations (e.g. American Heart Association, Ford Foundation, Pfizer), Career Development Awards, Fellowship Awards.

11. When will award notifications be sent out?

We expect that award notifications will be e-mailed in August.

12. Do we need to upload the proposal into RAPPS?

Proposals need to be uploaded into RAPSS only after they are awarded.

13. If awarded, when will I have access to the funds?

Access to the funds will not be made available until the new award has been entered into the Research Administration and Proposal Submission System (RAPSS) and all compliance requirements have been met (IRB, IACUC, etc.).