

**RESEARCH FACULTY**

**Statement of Understanding  
Regarding Responsibility for Bridging Support**

[submit this form with the dossier recommending a research faculty candidate for promotion]

This “Statement of Understanding” is being submitted in support of the appointment/promotion of:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Employee ID Number

**Responsibility for Bridging Support**

The Office of the Vice President for Research (OVPR) may provide [after appropriate review] up to 50% of the minimal bridging support according to the accompanying table (on back of this page); the remaining 50% is the responsibility of the appointing unit. Unit heads are expected to build reserves appropriate to cover their responsibility for bridging support. In addition, units are encouraged to provide additional bridging support (including salary support for longer time periods, and research support). OVPR cannot guarantee central participation in this additional support, but individual members of the research faculty are eligible to apply for funding through the OVPR Faculty Grants and Award Program on the usual competitive basis.

**Statement of Understanding**

As the dean/director of the unit recommending the individual for promotion, I understand my unit’s responsibility for bridging support and will take steps to meet the 50% minimum obligation within the specified five-year time frame. Additional support, up to 50%, may be applied for from OVPR.

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Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

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Date

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Unit

**Bridging Support for Research Faculty**

The table below outlines the level of bridging support eligibility according to rank and years of service at the University of Michigan. A minimum commitment of a dollar-for-dollar match is expected from the research faculty member’s home unit as part of all requests to the Office of the Vice President for Research for bridging support.

<b>Rank/Years of Service</b>	<b>Funding Eligibility</b> (Salary and fringes in any five-year period)
Research Investigator	Not eligible
Assistant, Associate, & Research Scientist and Research Assistant Professor Less than 3 years of service	Not eligible
Assistant, Associate, & Research Scientist and Research Assistant Professor 3-5 years of service	Up to 2 months
Assistant, Associate, Research Scientist, and Research Assistant Professor 5-10 years of service	Up to 3 months
Assistant, Associate and Research Scientist and Research Assistant Professor 10+ years of service	Up to 6 months
Research Associate Professor and Research Professor Less than 3 years of service	Up to 6 months
Research Associate Professor and Research Professor 3 or more years of total service, including all years in RS Track above the rank of Research Investigator and all years in Research Professor Track	Up to 12 months