

**Kenneth Rainin Foundation
IBD Research Innovator Awards**

The Office of Foundation Relations is pleased to share this open call for funding from the Kenneth Rainin Foundation. **Please forward the call to interested faculty and researchers in your departments and divisions.**

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Funder: Kenneth Rainin Foundation

Opportunity: [Innovator Awards in Inflammatory Bowel Disease Research](#)

Deadline: September 30, 2025, at 5 PM PST

Overview

The Kenneth Rainin Foundation believes that early support for innovative ideas can lead to improvements in preventing, predicting, diagnosing and treating Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD). Their health grantmaking enables researchers worldwide to test ideas, gather and share data, and collaborate to advance the understanding of IBD.

Innovative ideas spur new lines of thinking and introduce novel methods or technologies that might transform how we understand IBD. They have the potential to lead to scientific breakthroughs in predicting, diagnosing, treating and eventually preventing the complex disease. Innovator Awards applications are evaluated based on innovation, scientific merit and the principal investigator's capability to execute the project.

Award Amount & Terms

- Up to \$150,000 for individual research projects
- Up to \$300,000 for collaborative projects involving multiple investigators

Eligibility

- Researchers from any scientific discipline worldwide are eligible for funding.
- Innovator Awards may only have one Principal Investigator, and funding is awarded to their home institution. Additional investigators may be included as Co-Investigators, and the lead institution can create subawards.
- Postdocs are not eligible to apply as a Principal Investigator.
- All formerly funded Rainin Foundation grantees are eligible to apply for an Innovator Award.
- PIs may only submit one LOI.

See here for [FAQs](#).

See here for a list of [previous awardees](#).

Timeline

September 30, 2025, at 5 PM PT	LOIs due
February 2, 2026, 5 PM PT	Full proposals due
May 1, 2026	Awards announcement
June 1, 2026 – May 31, 2027	Grant period

Special Instructions

Please notify the Office of Foundation Relations if you are interested in applying to this opportunity (fr@ucsc.edu). For support developing your proposal, please contact the [Research Development Specialist](#) assigned to your unit or send a request to resdev@ucsc.edu.

Call Sent: August 7, 2025

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