



Ono Pharma Foundation
announces the
Ono Pharma Breakthrough Science Initiative Awards Program
in the United States and Canada in 2025

Ono Pharma Foundation announces the start of the ninth year of the annual **Breakthrough Science Initiative Awards Program** (Ono Initiative) in the United States and Canada. Proposals from Principal Investigators will be considered for high-risk and high-reward science research projects which have the potential to lead to science discoveries/solutions and, based on further research, to breakthrough treatments for patients. Applications will be considered from Principal Investigators nominated by 66 Universities and Research Institutes in the Chemical Biology field for laboratory investigation to be carried out in the United States and Canada.

Target research of Chemical Biology is not specified by the Ono Initiative. For 2025, subjects of interest include but are not limited to:

- Modulating interactome and cell/tissue crosstalk
- Manipulating biomolecular condensates and protein quality control systems
- Deep understanding and emerging applications of chemical glycobiology
- New concepts of drug delivery and localization to tissue/cell/organelle
- Understanding and leveraging allostery in biology

We continue to welcome projects outside of these subjects.

The Awards

Awards will provide \$900,000 over three years for research and will provide up to 15% in additional funding to cover institutional indirect costs.

Three Awards are planned for the ninth year (2025). Institutions are allowed to nominate up to two researchers. Nominees will receive a registration code by email and will need to use that to access the current year's LOI. The first installment shall be paid after the announcement of the Grant, upon receiving a written notice from PI as to the starting date of the research project ("Start Date"). The remaining installments shall be paid every six months after the Start Date, subject to the Foundation's receipt of reporting from PI. For further information, see the attached Program Overview document. You may also e-mail questions through the website, <http://www.onofound.org/contact/>.

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