



Funding Alert

Ono Pharma Foundation Applications for Chemical Biology Research

Letter of Intent Deadline: February 13, 2026

Eligibility: PIs must have an MD and/or PhD and/or mid-career scientist (15 years or below)

Amount: \$900,000, \$1,035,000 (up to 15% indirect costs, \$45,000)

Number of Awards: 3

Duration: 3 years

Project Start Date: August 1, 2026

[Link to complete RFP](#)

RFA Summary:

[Ono Pharma Foundation](#) aims to support scientist principal investigators (PIs) with creative ideas in selected scientific research fields with the mission of seeking discoveries/solutions and development of high impact science. Annually, the Ono Pharma Foundation considers proposals from PIs for research that could ultimately transform human health. This year the Foundation is only considering scientific research addressing chemical biology. Chemical Biology is defined as research that deals with the interface between chemistry and biology. The criteria for this field are deliberately broad so as not to disqualify potentially innovative and groundbreaking projects.

To be eligible, PIs applying must be working at one of the nominating institutions. The PI must have an MD and/or a PhD degree and be a young and/or mid-career scientist (15 years or below experience from starting independent academic position).