

## SYNERGY AWARDS | Guidelines

### Letter from the Director

Dear Applicant,

The Kenneth Rainin Foundation is delighted to announce that our Synergy Award application will be opening June 2, 2017.

The spirit of this award is to forge partnerships in the field of Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD). Collaboration is a key requirement of our Synergy Award. Throughout the application, it is essential to demonstrate that the end product of the proposed research could not be achieved without collaboration.

Providing samples and data will be necessary; however, the basis of the applicants' success goes beyond this requirement. A clear and essential contribution from each of the groups involved in the application must be clearly explained in terms of:

- percentage contribution
- materials shared
- quality of science achieved as a collaboration that is not attainable individually
- quantification of milestones upon which the project will be measured after one year
- potential benefit to the IBD patient as a result of the collaborative efforts

Our goal is to increase the likelihood of your funding success and delivery, with the possibility of renewal after the first year if the above criteria are met. I strongly encourage you to be in touch with me to discuss your ideas for your Synergy Award application. I'm also available to answer any questions or concerns you may have as you develop your proposal.

Sincerely,



**Laura Wilson, PhD**

Director of Health, Strategy & Ventures

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## Eligibility

### Researchers

We encourage potential Synergy Award applicants to attend the [2017 Innovations Symposium](#) to network with potential collaborators, learn more about the research the Foundation supports, and hear about our strategic priorities.

Synergy Awards may have up to three investigators at the same or different institutions. Grants will be awarded to a single lead institution that will need to generate a subaward(s). Researchers from any scientific discipline are eligible for funding. Typically, the researchers we fund hold advanced degrees (MD, PhD or the equivalent) and academic positions at universities, medical centers or research institutions.

### Eligible Institutions

All non-profit institutions that are funded must provide evidence of [tax exempt 501\(c\)3](#) status and must be classified as "not a private foundation" under [Section 509\(a\)\(3\)](#). For institutions outside of the United States, please complete the [Foreign Equivalency Affidavit form](#) for submission with the proposal. For-profit institutions must demonstrate that their proposed project furthers the Foundation's charitable mission of promoting scientific and medical research. The Foundation may upon occasion make grants to government and public agencies, as well as to independent projects that have a qualified tax-exempt fiscal sponsor.

The Foundation does not fund: direct assistance to individuals or individual sponsorships; sports, athletic events or league sponsorships; advertising or promotional sponsorships; deficits or retroactive funding; fraternal organizations; organizations that discriminate based on religion, race, sexual orientation or gender.

### Use of Human and Animal Subjects

Grant recipients using human or animal subjects must provide documentation of

approval from the appropriate review committee before Foundation funds can be released.

## Deadlines

Proposals Accepted Online: Opens June 2, 2017 and closes October 2, 2017 at 5:00 PM (PDT). Please refer to the [Awards Calendar](#) for this year's schedule.

## Application Process

All grant application materials must be submitted using the Foundation's online application system, which is only open during the grant submission window.

Have questions about the Synergy Award including eligibility, research scope or the grant process? [Click here to contact Laura Wilson, PhD, Director, Health Strategy & Ventures.](#)

To apply now, simply click the button below. If you are a new applicant, you will need to complete a quick, one-time registration in our online grants system by clicking the "New Applicant" link. Note, the Foundation's online grants system is compatible only with Internet Explorer or Firefox browsers. Please contact our Grants Manager, [Apyrl Rhinehart](#), with any online system-related questions.

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To resume work on a saved application, log into your account using the "Resume Application" button below. If you intend to continue work on an application in progress, be sure to click "Save and Finish Later" before exiting the system.

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### **Synergy Award Proposal**

Proposals consist of description of project objectives, methodologies, milestones to test your innovative idea within a period of one year, description of how the research

team will collaborate and work synergistically to achieve their goals, project budget, and disclosure of other financial support.

- The goals outlined in the proposal should be achievable within a year. Synergy Award recipients may be eligible for additional funding, based on their progress.
- International applicants will be required to submit a [Foreign Equivalency Affidavit form](#).
- A NIH biosketch from each investigator is required at the time of proposal submission. [NIH template](#) and [instructions](#).
- Disclosure of all past and present financial support (e.g. NIH, CCFA, Helmsley Charitable Trust, etc.) must be included in the NIH biosketch with the proposal.

## Budget Guidelines

Synergy Award proposals must include a budget and description using the template provided. All necessary research costs can be budgeted, including personnel, reagents, supplies and equipment.

Please download the [Synergy Award Budget Template](#) to submit with your proposal.

### **Budget Amount**

Synergy awards are given in increments of \$100,000 USD for each investigator, with a maximum value of \$300,000 USD.

### **Investigator Salary**

The maximum amount allowed for each investigator salary is \$10,000 USD, with a maximum of \$30,000 USD. This maximum value does not apply to other research personnel (e.g. post-doctoral fellows, research associates, students) to be funded by the award.

### **Indirect Costs**

The maximum indirect costs (overhead) that can be requested is 10% of total direct costs. In the case of subawards, 10% indirect costs may be charged on the first \$25,000 USD of the subaward. Once a grant has been awarded, funds cannot be transferred out of direct costs to cover indirect or overhead costs, even if the indirect cost was less than the maximum allowed.

### **Travel**

At least one investigator from the team is required to attend Rainin Foundation's annual grantee convening and Innovations Symposium in San Francisco in July 2018 of the

award. Travel costs to attend the Rainin Foundation's annual meeting must be included in the proposal budget.

- The 2018 grantee convening and Innovations Symposium will be July 15 – 17 in San Francisco, California.
- A maximum of \$4,000 can be budgeted for travel to the annual meeting. Eligible costs include: Economy/coach airfare and ground transportation for each investigator. Hotel expenses for grantees will be hosted by the Rainin Foundation.
- Synergy Award funding cannot be used to cover travel to attend other scientific meetings.

## Award Period

The award period starts January 1, 2018 and ends December 31, 2018.

## Reporting

### Progress Reports

A six-month narrative and budget progress report will be due June 1, 2018 and must be submitted using the Foundation's online grants management system. Synergy Award recipients may be invited to provide oral presentations to the Foundation's Scientific Advisory Board.

### Final Reports

A final budget and technical report must be submitted to the Foundation within 60 days of the grant end date using the Foundation's online grants management system.

If you have questions about the Synergy Award, please contact [Laura Wilson, PhD](#).

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