



GRANTS | Innovator Awards



Program Description

At the Rainin Foundation, we support high-risk research and challenge investigators to push boundaries to advance our goal of predicting and preventing Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD). The Innovator Awards program provides up to \$200,000 grants for one-year research projects. Recipients who demonstrate significant progress may receive up to two additional years of support.

Through the Innovator Awards, we invest in new and veteran IBD researchers alike and embrace novel, untested ideas. Our funding interests span the spectrum of basic, translational and clinical science. We believe substantive collaboration provides the best approach to accelerating our understanding of IBD and improving patient care.

To date, we have funded the following areas through Innovator Awards:

- Bioengineering
- Diet and Nutrition
- Epithelial Cell/Molecular Biology
- Fecal Microbiota Transplant
- Immunity and Inflammation
- Microbiome
- Therapeutic Development and Delivery

Funding criteria include:

- Innovation
- Scientific merit
- Strong evidence of collaboration
- Investigator capability to execute project

Have questions about the Innovator Award including eligibility, research scope or the grant process? Contact Laura Wilson, PhD, Director, Health Strategy & Ventures.

Basic Science: If your research proposal is rooted in basic science, we encourage you to collaborate with investigators who can further the potential for translation of your ideas and findings.

Translational Science: If your research proposal is translational by nature, we encourage you to identify industry and clinical partners to assist in propelling your research toward clinical study.

Clinical Science: If you are looking to submit a clinical research proposal, we encourage you to collaborate with individuals who could facilitate potential clinical implementation.

Learn more about eligibility, budget guidelines and how to apply.

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