

Seeking Proteases as Inhibitory Targets for Disease Treatment

Daiichi Sankyo, a global pharmaceutical company, is seeking research related to the **identification and mechanistic characterization of extracellular proteases** whose inhibition suppresses disease onset or progression.



Approaches of Interest:

- Opportunities related to **immune, cardiometabolic or ophthalmic disorders** are of highest priority
- Systemic inhibition of the protease is anticipated to carry **little to no toxicity**, though this does not apply to protease inhibition for ophthalmic diseases
- The contribution of the protease to the disease pathology should have been validated by ***in vivo* or *ex vivo* experiments involving knockout (KO) or knockdown (KD)** of the protease

Out of Scope:

- Target diseases exclude cancer and all infectious diseases, including COVID-19 and HIV
- Studies on the development of any modalities for specific protease inhibition
- Opportunities related to intracellular proteases
- Drug discovery and development platforms

Developmental Stages of Interest:

- **Basic research**—provided it is supported by wet-lab data—through to **preclinical research** is within scope
- Proposals should include *in vivo* or *ex vivo* data, preferably using **human-relevant disease models**, enabling the verification of the contribution of the protease to the disease
- Proposals should provide a **clear outline of the subsequent research steps**

Submission Information

Submission of one-page, 200–300-word briefs is encouraged, along with any optional supplementary information e.g. relevant publications. Our client is also open to novel research proposals which can be outlined using this **submission form**. In submitting to this campaign, you confirm that your submission contains only non-confidential information.

Opportunity for Collaboration

Our client is open to a range of collaboration opportunities, with the most appropriate outcome being decided on a case-by-case basis. Example outcomes include licensing assets, project/PhD funding, and research collaborations.

Opportunities sought

-  Academics and expertise
-  Research projects
-  Centres of excellence
-  Company profiles

Submissions

Please submit relevant, non-confidential opportunities online [here](#)

Deadline: **30th March 2026 - 10:59 pm GMT**

Have any questions?

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