

## The Peanut Institute Foundation

### 2026 Special Grant Series – Letter of Intent (LOI) Instructions

The Peanut Institute Foundation invites one-page Letters of Intent (LOIs) as the first step in a two-stage, targeted application process for the 2026 Special Grant Series. The purpose of the LOI is to identify a subset of investigators who will be invited to submit full proposals.

#### Areas of Interest

- Brain health (cognitive and/or mental health outcomes)
- Gut microbiome composition and diversity in relation to health outcomes
- Peanut butter and glycemic control in youth or adults
- Physical fitness and/or muscle health
- Body composition, satiety/appetite regulation, and energy balance

#### LOI Content (One Page Maximum)

LOIs should include the following:

- Brief description of the research question and rationale
- Overview of study design and population
- Primary outcomes of interest
- Anticipated project duration
- High-level estimated total budget (within the \$25,000–\$400,000 award range)
- Principal investigator name and institutional affiliation

#### Key Dates

- **LOIs due:** February 13, 2026
- **Invitations for full proposals:** February 28, 2026
- **Full proposals due:** March 30, 2026

Due to the targeted nature of this call, only applicants selected to submit full proposals will be contacted. Submission of an LOI does not guarantee an invitation to submit a full proposal.

Please send letters of intent to [ssterling@peanut-institute.com](mailto:ssterling@peanut-institute.com). Questions regarding the LOI process may be directed to [ssterling@peanut-institute.com](mailto:ssterling@peanut-institute.com).