



You can definitely knock-out a gene but do you have what it takes in a battle? Who will be the next Contenders at AmorChem's KNOCK OUT™ Event? AmorChem invites you to throw your hat in the ring for a chance to participate in the 2016 edition of its KNOCK OUT Event.

Back by popular demand, AmorChem is hosting its third KNOCK OUT™ Event during the Lumira-AmorChem Event to be held on June 2, 2016 in Montreal. Researchers selected to participate in the Dragons' Den inspired AmorChem KNOCK OUT™ Event will fight it out in the ring against our panel of "heavyweights" eager to defend their title for the second year in a row.

If you are an academic life science researcher with an appetite to KNOCK OUT the competition, if you have innovative science with strong commercial potential, then you may be one of the participants chosen to duke it out in the AmorChem KNOCK OUT Event and could be granted an AmorChem financing of up to \$500,000!

Interested researchers must fill out the attached form describing their technology, its clinical applications, its relevance to human disease, as well as its commercial potential. As competition in the ring will be fierce, researchers are encouraged to seek the assistance of their technology transfer or commercialization office that can also prove useful in training for the final Event.

All application forms must be submitted no later than **Tuesday March 15th, 2016** at the following email address: [info@amorchem.com](mailto:info@amorchem.com)

Participants chosen to climb into the ring in the final round will be notified no later than **Thursday April 28th, 2016**. They will then become Contenders in the Amorchem KNOCK OUT Event and will be invited to a call in order to assist them in their final preparations.

Contenders will then convene on June 2, 2016 during the Lumira-AmorChem Event. The KNOCK OUT will play out in front of a live audience (last year was standing room only!). At the sound of the bell, each Contender will be given up to five minutes to make their case on their technology. Following their pitch, each Contender will duke it out, in the ring, with our "heavyweights" over a ten minute Q&A "boxing match". The Contenders will confront the "professional boxers" with only wits and scientific agility in their corner. Just as boxers climb into the ring with only their gloves, our contenders will not be allowed visual support.

The champion of this third edition of the AmorChem KNOCK OUT Event may qualify for a financing of up to \$500,000 from AmorChem, subject to completion of final pre-investment conditions including approval by the AmorChem Investment Committee.

Can you roll with the punches, and go 5 rounds in the ring with our seasoned biotech executives? If you think you can, act fast: spaces will be limited to a maximum of 5 participants and the deadline for application is Tuesday March 15th, 2016!

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AmorChem ([www.amorchem.com](http://www.amorchem.com)) is a venture capital fund located in Montreal focused on investing in promising life science projects originating from Quebec-based universities and research centres. AmorChem's innovative business model involves financing research-stage projects to enable them to reach pre-clinical proof-of-concept (POC) in a semi-virtual mode within 18-24 months. The fund seeks to generate returns through a two-pronged exit strategy: sell projects having reached POC to large biotechnology or pharmaceutical companies; or bundle them into new spin-out companies. Projects are managed by AmorChem using a combination of the resources found in the researcher's lab, other academic labs and contract research organisations. In order to contribute efficiently to projects requiring small molecules, AmorChem established its own medicinal chemistry contract research organisation- NuChem Therapeutics Inc. For more information about our KNOCK OUT event, please visit [http://amorchem.com/knock\\_out.php](http://amorchem.com/knock_out.php)

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