



2016 Call for YINI Research Proposals

“Health benefits associated with yogurt consumption”

Supported by Danone Institute International in collaboration with the American Society for Nutrition (ASN) and the International Osteoporosis Foundation (IOF)

Description of the Funding Opportunity

Proposals are requested for projects focused on health benefits associated with yogurt consumption. Research focused in the following areas are particularly encouraged:

- mechanisms of action;
- pediatric populations ; and
- Live microbes and milk fermentation benefits.

For 2016, \$30,000 (thirty thousand dollars) are available to support one application. Proposed projects will be funded for up to 2 years. The competition is open to research teams from public research organizations or researchers at universities or hospitals. Applications can be from individuals, a single team or several teams in collaboration. Proposals must be neither previously published nor subject to patent disclosures.

How to Apply?

Applicant teams must appoint a project Scientific Leader who will be responsible for completing the application, which shall contain the following sections (**all sections are mandatory** and proposals must be submitted in English):

- A Curriculum Vitae of the lead scientist
- Title of the application and keywords of the project
- Project summary (1 page max)
- A full description of the project (10 pages max), including the following sections:
 - Background and Introduction
 - Objectives and hypothesis (if appropriate)
 - Research plan (including the methods)
 - Expected results/deliverables
 - Timeline
 - Collaboration (if appropriate)

- A detailed composition of the team(s) (in case of collaboration) involved in the project, with, for each participant: the title, status (director of research, researcher, engineer research, research technician, post-doctoral, doctoral, master 2, trainees), the degree prepared and registration for university students, the percentage of time devoted to participation in the project
- Detailed budget for the grant application (all funds should be used to finance direct cost related to the research project, overhead costs are not allowed).
- Details of other funding already obtained or in the process of application for the project and the justification of this application with respect to funding already granted
- A solemn undertaking, signed by the scientific leader, certifying that the funds obtained through the 2016 YINI call for application will be used exclusively to finance the project.
- Regarding the product (yogurt) intended to be used in the study:
 - The product must meet the CODEX definition of yogurt: **CODEX definition: no addition of any other strains than *Streptococcus thermophilus* and *Lactobacillus bulgaricus***)
 - The proposal must include the list of ingredients and the nutritional composition of the product (at least information on the protein, fat, carbohydrate and calcium content)
 - The proposal should not mention any commercial brands.

The scientific leader must send the **application gathering all of the above documents in PDF** format, to: ana.pires@danoneinstitute.com or in the contact section of the YINI website (www.yogurtinnutrition.com). Applications from YINI Members and YINI Grant Jury members will not be considered.

The deadline for submission of applications is 15th October 2016.

Selection criteria

Grant applications will be evaluated by two reviewers appointed by the presidents of the “**2016 Call for YINI Research Proposals**”, selected based on their ability to assess the methodological soundness and the overall interest of the project. The criteria for selecting research projects will be based on: the innovative nature and quality of the scientific project, the experience of the team, and the feasibility of the project. The work must be original and must be conducted by the awarded team.

The decisions of the jury are final and without appeal. Similarly, the jury is in power to solve any issues regarding the interpretation or application of this regulation. In addition, the YINI reserves the right, in the case of force majeure, to cancel the 2016 call for applications. The

YINI Partners will not incur any liability for any claim made by a third party. The jury and the names of the external reviewers will not be disclosed to participants or to any other applicant.

Selection of winner and awarding of grants

The jury will select the winning team until December 1st. The winning team will be notified personally by mail to the scientific leader at the address indicated in the application. The terms of allocating the grant will be stated and must be agreed upon to claim the grant.

The jury will select a YINI Board referee (YBR) for the winning team, among the members of the YINI Board. The role of the YBR will be to monitor the work of the winning team(s). The awardee has to send an update to the YBR in the middle of the expected timeline and a final report in the end of the research.

The YBR will be responsible to provide an update of the status of the project to the YINI Chairs and present it in the YINI Board meetings.

The money will be transferred to the institution of the winning team(s) by electronic bank transfer. Payment of the grant will take place following the deliberation of the jury and the signing of the financing agreement. The 2016 YINI grant will be used exclusively to finance the project. The ASN, IOF and the Danone Institute International will give the scientific leader the responsibility of the use of the allocation. However, a budget of expenditures and a justification of the use of the grant for the project will be requested.

Presentation of research results

The winning team must provide to YBR a progress report in the middle of the expected timeline and a final report in the end of the research.

The research team may be required to present, in meetings organized by the YINI project, the project and the results achieved through use of the allocated funding.

Any publication or communication of the project results shall acknowledge the YINI.

The winning team must provide the YINI with reprints of any publications.

Miscellaneous

The organizers shall not be liable if, in case of force majeure beyond their control, the 2016 YINI call for application should be changed or canceled. They reserve the right, in any case, to extend the period of participation and/or to postpone the deadlines announced.

Additions or changes can be made. They will be considered as appendices to these rules. The winning team of this allocation authorizes the YINI (and partners) to mention their names and research in any media. Approval by the scientific leader of this communication will be sought. The results remain the property of the organization or company conducting the research. Both parties will decide on the terms of the protection of the results.