



## 2017 Call for YINI Research Proposals

### “The health effects of yogurt consumption”

Supported by Danone Institute International (DII) 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 defining the health effects of yogurt consumption. Research focused in the following areas are particularly encouraged:

- Mechanism of action
- Biological effects of yogurt live ferments & fermentation products
- Impact of yogurt consumption on gut microbiota
- In adults and/or children

For 2017, \$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. The scientific leader must send the **application including all sections below** (identified by the correspondent number and title) **in a PDF** format to: [yinigrant2017@gmail.com](mailto:yinigrant2017@gmail.com) (please note that **all sections are mandatory** and proposals must be submitted in English):

1. Curriculum Vitae of the lead scientist
2. Title of the application and keywords of the project
3. Project summary (1 page max)
4. A full description of the project (10 pages max), including the following sections:
  - I. Background and Introduction
  - II. Objectives and hypothesis (if appropriate)



- III. Research plan (including the methods)
  - IV. Expected results/deliverables
  - V. Timeline
  - VI. Collaboration (if appropriate)
5. 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
  6. 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).
  7. 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
  8. A solemn undertaking, signed by the scientific leader, certifying that the funds obtained through the 2017 YINI call for application will be used exclusively to finance the project.
  9. Information about the product (yogurt) intended to be used in the study:
    - I. The product must meet the CODEX definition of yogurt: **no addition of any other strains than *Streptococcus thermophilus* and *Lactobacillus bulgaricus***
    - II. 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)
    - III. The proposal should not mention any commercial brands.

Applications from YINI Members and YINI Grant Jury members will not be considered.

**The deadline for submission of applications is August 31, 2017.**

### **Selection criteria**

Grant applications will be evaluated by the YINI chairs and two additional reviewers appointed for the “**2017 Call for YINI Research Proposals**”. The applications will be validated based on their ability to fill the above criteria to apply 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,
- 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 rule. In addition, the YINI reserves the right, in the case of force majeure, to cancel the 2017 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 end of September 2017. The winning team will be notified personally by mail to the scientific leader at the address indicated in the application and will be officially announced in the 5th YINI Summit during the IUNS congress in Buenos Aires, 18th October 2017.

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 is indeed responsible to provide an update of the project to the YINI Chairs and during YINI Board meetings).

The money will be transferred to the institution of the winning team(s) by electronic bank transfer in two moments:

1<sup>st</sup> half when the financial agreement is signed

2<sup>nd</sup> half after the YBR received the update of the project (in the middle of the expected timeline).

The 2017 YINI Grant will be used exclusively to finance the project. ASN, IOF and DII 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 (and previously inform the YBR).

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 2017 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 conducting the research. Both parties will decide on the terms of the protection of the results.