

Young Investigator Grant for Probiotic Research

Grantor: Global Probiotics Council

Closes: 2/15/2012

Maximum: \$50,000.00

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Submit application and required documents by February 15, 2012

The purpose of the Young Investigator Grant for Probiotic Research is to contribute to the advancement of probiotics and gastrointestinal microbiota research in the United States and to impact academic and career development of young investigators, attracting them into the field of probiotics and microbiota.

The Global Probiotics Council (GPC) was established in 2004 through a collaborative arrangement between DANONE and YAKULT HONSHA CO., LTD. The role of the GPC is to promote and/or advance probiotics in the world, through means such as:

Raising awareness of probiotics and their health benefits through science-based education and dissemination of information to health care professionals and the public;

Communicating with government bodies, and other relevant interest groups; and

Building relationships with leading researchers and research institutions and supporting collaborative research in the area of probiotics and intestinal microbiota.

Who Should Apply

This program seeks to support the best science that addresses the grant objectives. Attempts will be made to support young investigators who do not yet have independent funding (such as NIH R series awards that are likely to progress to RO1 research awards), Young investigators who are senior fellows with a committed faculty appointment or early faculty members within a maximum of 5 consecutive years of their first faculty appointment (appointments must be in the United States) are eligible. Applicants must be interested in understanding the health benefits of probiotics or microbiota and the relationship between probiotics, gastrointestinal microbiota and the body. Candidates must be part of an established research program with the capacity to do research on microbiota and its role in health and disease. Applicants are limited to one submission per investigator.

Statement of Purpose

The purpose of the Young Investigator Grant for Probiotics Research (YIGPRO) is to contribute to the advancement of probiotics and gastrointestinal microbiota research in the United States.

Grant Program Objectives

To stimulate innovative research relevant to the field of gastrointestinal microbiota in the United States

To impact academic and career development of young investigators in the United States and attract them into the field of

probiotics and gastrointestinal microbiota

To provide preliminary data for future funding from NIH and other funding sources

Grant Research Focus for 2012

Research focus for 2012 is on the role of probiotics and gastrointestinal microbiota in health and wellness. If the research project involves the use of potential probiotics, investigators must not work on commercial strains. Research on publicly available, non-commercial strains of potential probiotics is acceptable. Strain designations used in the studies must be provided.

Grant Information and Maximum Funding Amount

The annual grant amount is \$50,000 per grant recipient with no more than 10% of this amount dedicated to overhead costs. Two grants will be funded per year with each given to different institutions in the United States. Funds may be used for technical support and supplies. Principal investigator salaries and travel are not funded. Equipment is rarely funded and only when it is critical to the project, is not available through the institution's core facilities, and receives approval in advance from The Global Probiotics Council. Under exceptional circumstances a second year will be considered on a competitive basis.

Funding will run from July 2012 to June 2013.

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Audience: Junior Investigator, Junior Researcher, Junior Scientist, New Investigator, New Researcher, Nutritionist, Young Investigator, Young Scientist