



Danone Institute International

opens the 2nd Edition of DIPA

The prestigious prize for Alimentation to mid-career Researchers

opens the Call for Applications

Since 2017 the Danone Institute International has given a new focus to its prestigious global prize for outstanding research in nutrition.

In a far-reaching initiative to achieve ground-breaking benefits to the planet and human health, the prize is being opened to mid-career researchers in the field. It will reward pioneering research that spans multiple disciplines and represents a major advance in Alimentation, the umbrella term for sustainable eating and drinking practices that contribute to the health of individuals, including food choice, purchase, preparation, cooking and meal organization, and their determinants.

Danone International Prize for Alimentation (DIPA) replaces the long-standing Danone International Prize for Nutrition (DIPN) and is awarded by the Danone Institute International (DII)* and the French research organization, Fondation pour la Recherche Médicale (FRM).

Why the prize changed

The DII and the FRM created the DIPN in 1997 in a joint bid to raise the profile of nutrition sciences. Some 20 years on, nutrition has become firmly established as a vital area of research interest that has a profound impact on human health.

The next step was to explore avenues of research to develop effective healthy eating strategies - and we believe the most promising routes are those that stretch beyond messages identifying healthy foods. Strategies need to take on board the fact that food does far more than merely fulfil a biological need; it also forms the basis of our identity and social interaction.

Hence the launch of the DIPA is in recognition of the need for novel and collaborative approaches that take account of the diverse influences on people's food choices and eating habits, including economic, social, psychological, cultural and environmental factors. Unravelling the relationships between these Alimentation factors and how they impact on the planet and human health requires researchers to build bridges between nutrition science and other disciplines.

DIPA Purpose

The purpose of the DIPA is to encourage and support cutting edge, innovative and multidisciplinary scientific research in Alimentation, the umbrella term for sustainable eating and drinking practices that contribute to the health of individuals, including food choice, purchase, preparation, cooking and meal organization, and their determinants. The award is intended to raise the profile of a mid-career researcher and accelerate his/her career, as well as help develop knowledge on the topic and inspire junior researchers.



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The DIPA 100,000 Euros prize will recognize the work of a single researcher, or a representative of a research team, who is leading a pioneering and collaborative approach in Alimentation.

The Prize is open to research scientists from a variety of scientific disciplines within Alimentation, including behavioral science, sociology, anthropology, psychology, environmental science, economics, and cultural studies.

The DIPA aims to:

- advance understanding of Alimentation through cutting edge research;
- encourage and inspire pioneering advances that integrate lifestyle, cultural, socio-economic and environmental approaches into research on sustainable diets;
- boost collaboration between the different disciplines affecting nutrition, from anthropology to economics;
- support talented and highly motivated mid-career researchers whose work contributes to scientific excellence in the field of Alimentation.

Call for Applications

The 2020 DIPA is open to applications until 16 October 2020. Entries should be made initially as a summary of the applicants work and submitted to the Prize Committee. Short-listed applicants are then asked to prepare a full proposal for consideration by the Jury chaired by a leading international expert in the field of Alimentation.

For further details on entries for the DIPA, please see the Rules and Regulations at www.danoneinstitute.org or contact dipaprize2020@gmail.com

Note:

* The Danone Institute International (DII) was established in 1991 as a not-for-profit organization aiming to promote human health through developing and disseminating knowledge about the links between food and health, and to highlight the importance of nutrition in the human health.



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