

Alpro foundation call for research proposals - 2020

Impact of food consumption on planetary health – specific challenges and opportunities for Europe

To be submitted no later than May 15, 2020 midnight (CET)

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Who we are

Alpro Foundation is an independent European platform for academics, health care professionals and key stakeholders in nutrition to share knowledge and discuss the relevance of plant-based eating. (please see our recent e-book www.alprofoundation.org/news-events/e-book-more-plant-based-eating-for-the-planet/)

Our primary focus is to educate, support and build scientific knowledge and research in plant-based nutrition and its impact on health and planet by:

- Funding research to enlarge the understanding of plant-based diets and its impact on human health and the planetary boundaries.
- Awarding young scientists for a new publication emphasizing the relevance of plant-based eating.
- Organizing conferences, student symposia, webinars and e-learnings.

Call for research proposals

Research priorities for 2020:

Impact of food consumption on planetary health – specific challenges and opportunities for Europe:

- the need for sustainable diets¹
- increase the awareness of the impact of dietary habits on biodiversity and climate
- socio-economic effects of sustainable diets (including food security)
- exploration of different aspects of behavioral shifts towards sustainable diets including the role of different stakeholders
- integration and trade-offs between health and environmental impacts
- how can changes in consumption drive sustainable production practices
- how to integrate sustainable healthy diets in different European cultures

¹ Sustainable Diets are those diets with low environmental impacts which contribute to food and nutrition security and to healthy life for present and future generations. Sustainable diets are protective and respectful of biodiversity and ecosystems, culturally acceptable, accessible, economically fair and affordable; nutritionally adequate, safe and healthy; while optimizing natural and human resources (FAO, 2010, www.fao.org/ag/humannutrition/28507-0e8d8dc364ee46865d5841c48976e9980.pdf).

Timeline:

Short proposals (max 2 pages) should be submitted by **May 15, 2020 midnight (CET)**. Short proposals give a basic description of the project.

The Scientific Advisory Committee of Alpro Foundation will short list the proposals which will be invited for the next stage of selection by July 1, 2020. If invited to submit a long proposal, this has to be submitted by September 15, 2020 midnight. Final decision on the grant will be communicated by October 31, 2020.



Application procedure:

Short proposals (max 2 pages) give a basic description of the project.

Applications are accepted for a maximum of €50.000 per year (all costs included, VAT and overhead costs).

Maximum project duration two years.

Eligible applicants:

- Must be residents in a European country
- Must be affiliated to a European university or a European research institute
- Should hold at least a Master of Science (MSc) degree or equivalent.

Not-eligible projects

- literature reviews
- meta-analysis

Selection procedure

Only research topics which endorse the objectives of the 2020 call of Alpro Foundation will be considered. Judging criteria are based on

1. Excellence (weight 50%)

- Proposed work is novel and has innovation potential (eg. novel objectives, novel concepts and approaches, potential for innovative results, ...)
- Quality/Credibility of proposed approach/methodology
- Quality/Credibility of research team

2. Impact (weight 30%)

- Extent to which the outputs of the proposed work could increase the awareness on the environmental impact of dietary habits
- Extent to which the outputs of the proposed work could result in relevant benefits for the European population (eg. towards recommendations, policy makers, ...)

3. Quality and efficiency (weight 20%)

- Clarity and pertinence of the objective
- Likelihood that the proposed approach can be accomplished within the timeframe
- Likelihood that the proposed approach can result in publication(s)