

# Limited Submissions

Limited Submissions Committee

Tufts University

## LIMITED SUBMISSION: International Nut & Dried Fruit Council Call for Research Projects

**\*\*\*PLEASE NOTE: ONE (1) PROPOSAL FROM TUFTS MAY BE NOMINATED\*\*\***

### DEADLINES:

**Tufts Internal Email of Intent Deadline:** Wednesday, December 27 *by noon*

**Sponsor Deadline:** January 31, 2018

For those interested, please send an **email of intent** to the Limited Submissions Team at [limitedsubmissions@tufts.edu](mailto:limitedsubmissions@tufts.edu) informing us of an intention to apply. EOI's received after the deadline will not be considered. The email of intent must include:

1. *The name of the solicitation,*
2. *The name of the Principal Investigator, and any co-PI's,*
3. *A 2-3 sentence description of the proposed project.*

Should the number of interested applicants exceed the number allowed by the funder, an internal selection process will be conducted by the Office of the Vice Provost for Research, and candidates will be notified to submit internal application materials. All candidates will be notified of results. NB: Successful applications must include official notification from the Limited Submissions Team in order to submit. For more information, please see <http://viceprovost.tufts.edu/resources/funding/limited-submissions/>

**PROGRAM INFORMATION:** The International Nut and Dried Fruit Council Foundation (INC) is a not-for-profit organization representing more than 700 nut and dried fruit sector companies from over 70 countries. INC is the leading international organization regarding nuts and dried fruits, health, nutrition, statistics, food safety, international standards and regulations. Its mission is to stimulate and facilitate sustainable growth in the global Nut and Dried Fruit Industry.

**PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:** The objective of this grant is to fund clinical, epidemiological, basic and/or strategic research that may contribute to enhance the understanding of the health effects of nuts and dried fruits. The INC calls for research projects from researchers from public and private institutions, as well as not-for-profit organizations. Since the INC represents 17 nuts and dried fruits (namely almonds, apricot kernels, Amazonia (Brazil) nuts, cashews, hazelnuts, macadamias, pecans, pine nuts, pistachios, walnuts, peanuts, dates, dried apricots, dried cranberries, dried figs, dried grapes and prunes), INC will only accept research projects with at least 3 nuts OR 3 dried fruits.

Research proposals can include 3 or more of the above mentioned nuts and dried fruits. However, projects that compare nuts or dried fruits among themselves will not be accepted. INC will not accept scientific studies that mix nuts and dried fruits.

2018 Research priorities:

- 1) Nuts or dried fruits and cognitive function
- 2) Nuts or dried fruits and body weight and adipose tissue distribution
- 3) Combination of nuts or dried fruits and blood pressure, clotting factors and inflammatory markers
- 4) Combination of nuts or dried fruits and glycemic load and/or diabetes
- 5) Nuts or dried fruits in exercise performance
- 6) Nuts or dried fruits and intestinal microbiota
- 7) Nuts or dried fruits and metabolomics
- 8) Nuts or dried fruits as part of a healthy diet
- 9) Intervention trials on relevant clinical end points

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10) Meta-analysis of clinical trials

Other priorities:

- New research against existing studies
- Multi-institutional, cooperative projects
- Co-funded projects
- Clinical trials

Furthermore, cooperation with industry-related partners will be scored favorably

**ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION:** There are no restrictions or limits on who may serve as PI

**AWARD INFORMATION:** Up to 300,000 EUR is available for this grant.

**FURTHER INFORMATION:** [https://www.nutfruit.org/files/multimedia/1509700782\\_Call\\_Research\\_2018\\_Guidelines.pdf](https://www.nutfruit.org/files/multimedia/1509700782_Call_Research_2018_Guidelines.pdf)

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