

# **Fuji Foundation for Protein Research**

## **Research Grant Application Guidelines for 2023 (European-based Research)**

### **1. Mission of the Foundation**

The mission of the Foundation is to encourage and support research on plant proteins and related topics, thereby contributing to the development of science and the improvement of people's lives around the world.

### **2. Fields of research and scope funded by the Foundation**

The Foundation accepts applications for funding in the following two fields of research:

Field 1: research on soybean protein and other components isolated from soybean,

Field 2: research on other plant proteins and other new non- animal protein sources (such as dairy and meat proteins or their alternatives produced by microbial and/or precision fermentation, other microbial, fungal or algal proteins suitable for food use)

(2) The scope of the research is limited to food processing and protein physico-chemical characteristics related to food functionality.

(3) Consideration will be given to novel research during selection.

### **3. Qualification requirements**

Grant recipients must be the holder of a Ph.D. who is permanently affiliated to or registered at a university or a similar research institution in the Netherlands.

### **4. How to apply**

Please complete the required items on the official application form and submit it to the Secretariat by October 31 2022.

Please include a letter from the chairholder Professor of the group that supports your application, and will provide lab space to confirm that the given affiliation and contact details are correct.

### **5. Selection method**

The Foundation's Selection Committee, consisting of academics expert in the field, will select candidates for funding and the Foundation's Board of Directors will approve funding for the successful candidates.

The successful candidate will be asked to show proof of identity before payment of the grant

is made.

## **6. Details of Research grant**

- (1) The project selected for funding will receive the Euro equivalent of 5 million yen (Approximately €37000, subject to changes due to foreign currency conversion). (In 2023, it is expected that 1 project will be funded.)
- (2) Grants are provided as research funds and do not allow indirect costs.
- (3) The project will be funded for one year from April 2023. Successful candidates may also re-apply for a second year of funding.

## **7. Reporting of research results**

- (1) The Research Report Meeting will be held on a date somewhere between May to early June in 2024 for grants received in the 2023 grant year. All researchers who receive funding are required to make a report.
- (2) A summary of the report must be submitted in advance of the Research Report Meeting (about 400 words).
- (3) On the day of the Research Report Meeting, you will be asked to submit a research report (about 2000 words in English, including abstract and main body of the text). The research report will be published in the journal "Soy Protein Research" one year after the debriefing session.
- (4) When the results are presented publicly (either at a verbal presentation or a publication), acknowledgement of funding from the Foundation is required. The Foundation Chairman should also be informed of the details of the presentation or publication.

## **8. Application schedule for overseas research grants**

- (1) Application period (September 1, 2022-October 31, 2023)
- (2) Application guidelines and documents can be downloaded from <https://fujiproteinfoundation.org/> from August 2022.
- (3) Deadline for submission of research plan (October 31, 2022). Strict adherence to the deadline is required.
- (4) Selection of candidate projects by the Selection Committee consisting of academic experts (November 2022 to early January 2023).
- (5) Notification of result to candidates (scheduled for early March 2023)
- (6) Transfer of funding to successful researchers (April-May 2023)
- (7) Submission of Research Results Report and report at annual research report meeting. (Scheduled for Osaka or Tokyo in either May or early June 2023. You can also participate remotely from overseas.)

(8) Publication of research report journal and publication on Foundation website in 2024.

## **9. Inquiries / Applications from European Candidates**

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