

Fuji Foundation for Protein Research

Research Grant Application Guidelines for 2025

(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 UK, Denmark, The Netherlands, Germany, or Belgium.

4. How to apply

Please complete the required items on the official application form and submit it to the website by October 31 2024.

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 to comply with Foundation risk management for the transfer of Foundation funds.

6. Details of Research grant

- (1) The project selected for funding will receive the Euro equivalent of 5 million yen. As the Foundation is headquartered in Japan, all awards are made in Japanese yen and converted to Euro at the time of payment. (Approximately €27,500 as of July 2024, and subject to changes due to foreign currency conversion).
(In 2025, it is expected that 1 project will be funded.)
- (2) Grants are provided as research funds and are to be used to execute the proposed project only.
- (3) The project will be funded for one year from May 2025. 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 2026 for grants received in the 2025 grant year. All researchers who receive funding are required to make a report describing the project and its outcomes. The report will be made verbally at the Research Report Meeting. Researchers located overseas will do their report via a Teams presentation or pre-recorded video.
- (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 written research report (about 2000 words in English, including abstract and main body of the text). The research report will be published in the Foundation's journal "Soy Protein Research" one year after the debriefing session. The researcher is free to publish or present the content of the research project in other journals or conferences as long as they are not impeded from making the report and presentation required by the Foundation. Any IP resulting from the project belongs to the researcher and/or their affiliated academic institution according to the rules of their country of residence.
- (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 and a copy of the report or slides sent to the Foundation Secretariate. It is not necessary to obtain prior clearance from the Foundation as long as the researcher fulfills the requirement for reporting the project outcomes to the Foundation as described in 1,2 and 3 above.

8. Application schedule for overseas research grants

- (1) Application period (September 1, 2024 - October 31, 2024)
- (2) Application guidelines and documents can be downloaded from <https://fujiproteinfoundation.org/> from August 2024.
- (3) Deadline for submission of research plan (October 31, 2024). Strict adherence to the deadline is required.
- (4) Selection of candidate projects by the Selection Committee consisting of academic experts (November 2024 to early January 2025).
- (5) Notification of result to candidates (scheduled for early March 2025)
- (6) Transfer of funding to successful researchers (May 2025)
- (7) Submission of Research Results Report and report at annual research report meeting. (Scheduled for Osaka or Tokyo in either May or early June 2025. You can also participate remotely from overseas.)
- (8) Publication of research report journal and publication on Foundation website in 2026 (the successful candidate is required to submit the necessary content as described under no. 7 Reporting of Research Results).

9. Inquiries / Applications from European Candidates

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