

2018 Annual Call for Open Access Studies

Guidelines

The International Nut and Dried Fruit Council Foundation (INC) promotes research that may contribute to enhance the understanding of the health effects of nuts and dried fruits and disseminates the latest research findings worldwide.

The objective of this grant is to facilitate the transfer of knowledge and to promote the dissemination of the health benefits of nut and dried fruit consumption as widely as possible, through the payment of the Open Access charges of those articles already accepted for publication in a Scientific Journal or those articles that have been already published.

Requirements:

- **INC will only accept studies that involve nuts and/or dried fruits.**
- **Studies that compare nuts and/or dried fruits among themselves will not be accepted.**

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 studies that involve nuts and/or dried fruits.

Up to 18,000 EUR is available for 2018. This Call will be open the whole year, until the total budget is depleted.

Publications must have been accepted in a scientific journal or have already been published.

All requests must be submitted using the Application Form. Applicants are requested to also send the manuscript of the publication and the acceptance letter of the journal, which the INC and the Forum will treat as strictly confidential.

Please send your application as one single PDF e-mail attachment to maria.pascual@nutfruit.org. We need an electronic copy only. Please do not send paper copies.

1. INC International Nut and Dried Fruit Council Foundation

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.

2. INC World Forum for Nutrition Research and Dissemination

The INC World Forum for Nutrition Research and Dissemination (the Forum) is the international umbrella for scientific research related to health and nutrition for nuts and dried fruits. The Forum promotes scientific research, defines research priorities, and promotes calls for research and dissemination of scientific findings worldwide. The Forum evaluates project proposals and scientific award nominees according to the objectives of the Forum, and promotes the production and dissemination of knowledge in accordance with its mission.

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3.1. Priorities:

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

Other priorities:

- New research against existing studies.
- Clinical trials.
- High impact factor journals.

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3.2. Budget

Up to 18,000 EUR is available for 2018. This Call will be open the whole year, until the total budget is depleted.

INC reserves the right to revise its decisions about amounts and/or recipients.

No payment will be made until the article has been accepted into a journal.
Researchers must send a copy of the original acceptance letter to the INC.

INC will do the payment directly to the journal and will only cover the Open Access fee.
INC will not cover other expenses.

3.3. Who can apply?

INC welcomes applications from researchers from public and private institutions, as well as not-for-profit organizations. The applicant must be the corresponding author of the publication.

3.4. Reservations

A positive evaluation by the Forum does not automatically imply funding. The final decision will be made by the INC Executive Committee.

3.5. Application Form

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3.6. Evaluation

Applications submitted to the INC Annual Call for Open Access Studies will be evaluated for scientific and technical merit through the peer-review system of the Evaluating Committee of the Forum.

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3.7. Communication

The INC will disseminate the Open Access Publication through traditional and social media.