



DAIRY HEALTH AND NUTRITION CONSORTIUM

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DAIRY HEALTH AND NUTRITION CONSORTIUM OFFERS \$1.4 MILLION NEW FUNDING FOR RESEARCH

The Dairy Health and Nutrition Consortium (DHNC) invites applications to its 2011 funding round, now open and offering \$1.4 million new funding for research projects.

Project applications should be targeted toward providing research solutions in line with DHNC's strategic objectives and priorities. Research priorities for the 2011 funding round are:

Nutrient Density and Sustainability

Up to \$300,000 total funding allocation to this priority area

Muscle Maintenance and Movement, and

Up to \$800,000 total funding allocation to this priority area

Metabolic Syndrome and Diabetes

Up to \$300,000 total funding allocation to this priority area

Visit: www.dhnc.com.au for Project Guidelines and Application Form, and Research Priority Guidelines

Closing date for applications: Monday 6 June 2011, 5pm

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The Consortium was formed in 2007 by Gardiner Foundation and its industry partners Bega Cheese/Tatura Milk Industries, Fonterra Australia, Murray Goulburn Co-operative, National Foods, Parmalat Australia and Warrnambool Cheese and Butter Factory, Dairy Australia and Dairy Innovation Australia. A total of \$12.5 million is committed to the initiative: \$5 million from Gardiner Foundation matched with dairy manufacturer funding of \$7.5 million.

The Consortium builds links between Australia's world class medical science and a globally competitive dairy industry. Since 2007 DHNC has funded research by leading Australian health and nutrition research teams from Baker IDI, CSIRO and Deakin University. Those projects, nearing completion have provided DHNC member companies with breakthrough insights into the benefits of dairy consumption on metabolic health, creating opportunities to enhance their marketing of dairy products and for new product development.

A mid-term review in 2010 highlighted that investment in dairy health and nutrition science continues to be a high priority area for dairy companies.

Successful projects are selected in a competitive, merit-based process conducted by an independent panel of assessors. The team of assessors has a mix of specialist scientific, R&D commercialization and statistical expertise.

DHNC offers grants complying with the requirements of the Australian Competitive Grants Register as part of the DIAL Dairy Innovation Research Grants Scheme.

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