

dsm-firmenich unveils winners of pioneering grant to advance gut health across Asia-Pacific

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dsm-firmenich, innovators in nutrition, health, and beauty, will award a total of \$250,000 through its inaugural Nutrition Research Grant to five distinguished researchers from the Asia-Pacific region. Each recipient will receive an award of \$50,000 to support up to 18 months of groundbreaking research aimed at advancing scientific understanding of gut health.

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The inaugural grant is centred on the theme "Health from the Gut across the Human Lifespan", highlighting the growing recognition of gut health as a cornerstone of overall well-being across the Asia-Pacific region. dsm-firmenich, called for proposals to study the individual and synergistic roles of human milk oligosaccharides (HMOs), probiotics and postbiotics in segments such as early life nutrition, adult nutrition, and healthy ageing. The aim is to deepen understanding of the impact of various "biotics" on the gut microbiome and other health determinants in important areas such as metabolic health, immunity, and even mental health.

dsm-firmenich's Nutrition Research Grant recipients were selected through a rigorous evaluation process led by an international panel of experts in the gut microbiome field. Submissions came in from nine different countries in Asia Pacific which were then assessed by the expert panel. The panel selected five proposals that demonstrated strong scientific merit, the potential to address critical health issues in the Asia-Pacific region, and a close alignment with this year's Grant's theme of "Health from the Gut Across the Lifespan."