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What is the Dr. Schär Institute Nutrition Project Award?

The Dr. Schär Institute Nutrition Project Award is an initiative of Dr. Schär, a leading manufacturer of gluten-free foods with over 30 years experience in the research, development and production of gluten-free products and other innovative dietetic foods for special nutritional requirements.

The Dr. Schär Institute (DSI) is a dedicated resource for healthcare professionals with an interest in nutrition and gluten-related disorders. The activities, projects and interests of the DSI are directed by Dr. Schär's Nutrition Service Team, a group of highly experienced dietitians, nutritionists and product development specialists.

External support is provided by our expert panel of healthcare professionals working in clinical practice and research throughout Europe and the USA, providing knowledge and opinion to help guide the work of the DSI, not least by participating in judging of DSI Award entries.

Initially piloted in the UK, The DSI Nutrition Project Award was developed by our Nutrition

Service Team, and to date, has provided £13,000 in project funding to 2 different nutrition-focussed initiatives. Since its conception in 2015 the award has extended its reach and now welcomes applications from the UK, Ireland, Italy, Germany, Spain and the Netherlands.

In 2018, the DSI Nutrition Project award will offer registered healthcare professionals in participating countries the opportunity to win a 15,000 Euro cash sum to fund a research or service development project that aims to improve or advance the nutritional care of patients with a gastroenterological condition.



Dr. Schär collaborates with expert clinicians and researchers from around the world

Who can apply?

All registered health care professionals working within participating countries and affiliated to an academic or medical institution are eligible to apply for the award.

The project must commence within 6 months of receipt of the award and reach completion within an 18 month period.

How to apply

Applicants must submit a completed application form, outlining the nature of their project, expected expenditure and proposed plans for project evaluation & dissemination.

All submissions must be received by 17.00 hrs on Friday 14th September 2018.

Full details of the award, including an online application form, terms and conditions are available on the DSI website: www.drschaer-institute.com.

The winning applicant will be announced in November 2018.

“ We hope this award will inspire and encourage healthcare professionals to consider new and innovative approaches to improve patient care. ”

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Head of Nutrition Service and Corporate Communication, Dr. Schär

Expert judging panel

A small team of International experts with experience in the field of gastroenterology will judge all award submissions:



Marianne Williams

Specialist Gastroenterology Community Dietitian (UK)

Marianne Williams is a specialist IBS and allergy dietitian working for Somerset Partnership NHS Trust. She set up the first UK ‘Dietetic-Led Primary Care Gastroenterology Clinic’ and along with an integrated team from both primary and secondary care she helped to set up an innovative IBS pathway in Somerset. In 2016 Marianne and her colleague, Dr. Emma Greig, won the prestigious NICE “Shared Learning Award”, and the Somerset IBS pathway has now been included in the UK NICE IBS Guidelines as an example service.



Dr. Luca Piretta

General Physician & Lecturer (Italy)

Luca Piretta graduated in medicine in Montevideo (Uruguay) in 1986, and in medicine and surgery from the Sapienza University in Rome in 1987. He gained his Masters degree in human nutrition from the University of Tor Vergata in Rome in 2009. He has practised as a general physician since 1995, and currently teaches the course on allergies and dietary intolerances at the Campus Bio-Medico University in Rome. He has authored numerous scientific articles relating to gastroenterology and nutrition and regularly participates in related national press and TV features.



Professor Martin Storr

MHBA – Consultant Gastroenterologist (Germany)

Prof. Storr is an internist and gastroenterologist at the Centre for Endoscopy in Starnberg, Germany. He is a professor at the internal medicine departments of the LMU in Munich and the University of Calgary. His interests focus on functional and inflammatory gastrointestinal disorders. He has received a number of national and international awards for his research, including the Werner Creutzfeldt Award and the Basic Scientist Award from the International Foundation of Gastrointestinal Disorders (IFFGD). Prof. Storr has published more than 170 original papers, overview articles and books.

Previous winners



Claire Constantinou

Gastroenterology Specialist Dietitian,
Cardiff and Vale NHS Trust

“Our project idea was to develop an educational video for patients newly diagnosed with coeliac disease to provide the first line education to get them started on a gluten free diet almost immediately after diagnosis rather than having to wait for an outpatient appointment.

We submitted our project proposal via a quick and simple application process and were thrilled to discover in October 2015 that we had won. Our ideas for the ideal script concept developed over time and resulted in the production of a video that showed the patient journey from diagnosis to starting the diet, with actors playing the core roles.

The award has given our service the opportunity to try something new and gain the experience in developing resources that have the potential to create improvements for patients.”



Dr. Yvonne Jeanes

Dietitian and Principal lecturer, University of Roehampton

Dr. Humayun Muhammad

Consultant gastroenterologist and PhD research student

“We applied for the DSI Nutrition award hoping it could fund a project designed in consultation with people with coeliac disease, aimed at improving adherence to a gluten free diet.

Our intervention, a semi structured telephone-based consultation, will identify knowledge gaps, specific issues related to non-adherence and promote behaviour change. Participants are all diagnosed with coeliac disease and not strictly adhering to a gluten free diet, control groups are also involved.

The award funds will also assist in the wide dissemination of the results to clinicians.

The aim is to enable others to adopt an evidence-based approach to improving adherence to a gluten free diet for their patients and thus improve the long-term health of many more people with coeliac disease. The DSI award is an excellent opportunity to enable a project idea to come to life.”



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