

Hello,

I am writing on behalf of Danone Institute North America about a grant program that I believe will be of interest to you, university faculty members, and students.

[Danone Institute North America](#) – a not-for-profit established by [Danone North America](#) – is once again welcoming applications for its “*One Planet. One Health*” Initiative grant program, which will offer transdisciplinary teams the opportunity to design, implement and evaluate actionable community-based projects on sustainable food system solutions that contribute to the nutritional health of populations and the planet, and to communicate about their impact. This initiative is especially relevant now as the social and economic ripple effects of COVID-19 have revealed widespread weaknesses and inequities in the ways that healthy, sustainably produced food reaches people, and has highlighted a role for community-based solutions.

This “*One Planet. One Health*” Initiative will provide seed funding for projects such as pilot studies, feasibility testing, needs assessments and planning grants. Up to five selected teams each will receive a **\$30,000 award** to implement its project and amplify its message to a broader audience over a two-year period.

As part of the initiative, selected teams will participate in a multi-day virtual program in October 2021 and a four-day in-person program in spring 2022. The objectives of these programs are to provide expertise and support for enhancing projects through project-specific communication and evaluation assistance, and to facilitate the development of a community among award recipients to share ideas, offer support, and create a grassroots movement toward sustainable food systems that improve human health. The in-person program will conclude with teams presenting a communications plan to support their project to a panel of experts. The team that presents the strongest communication plan as determined by the panel will be awarded an **additional \$10,000 prize** for the work to be conducted. We're welcoming applications from transdisciplinary teams comprised of faculty, students, and community members and would like to extend the invitation to you, other university faculty, and your students. Attached you will find the Request for Proposals (RFP) brief for your reference. In addition, more details about the program and descriptions for past projects awarded can be found here: [www.danoneinstituteNA.org](http://www.danoneinstituteNA.org)

The online application form is currently available and open for submissions until June 6, 2021.

**Please feel free to share this opportunity with your colleagues, students, community members and other individuals in your personal and professional networks.**

Additionally, on Thursday, May 6, 2021, [Food Tank](#) and Danone Institute North America will partner to host a virtual event to discuss with food sustainability and nutrition experts how the COVID-19 pandemic has challenged local food systems and to explore potential solutions like the “*One Planet. One Health*” Initiative. Attendees can register for the free event [here](#).

Please let me know if you have any questions, as I look forward to hearing from you and hope you will consider participating in the “*One Planet. One Health*” Initiative.

Best,  
Leslie Lytle, Ph.D., on behalf of Danone Institute North America