

IAFP Student Travel Scholarship

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Objective: To provide travel funding for full-time students to attend the Annual Meeting (including symposia and technical sessions) of the International Association for Food Protection and to encourage developing scientists to participate in association activities. Scholarships will be awarded to students enrolled in a college or university food safety related degree program.

For the 2012 program year, it is our pleasure to support the travel of up to eight qualified students to attend IAFP 2012, to be held July 22–25 in Providence, Rhode Island. Through generous contributions to the IAFP Foundation, scholarships will be awarded to one student from a developing country, three students from outside North America, two students from North America, and two additional students at the option of the selection committee.

Application Deadline: February 28, 2012

Criteria for Applicants

- Be a member of IAFP
- Demonstrate interest in and commitment to food safety and quality as a student enrolled full-time in a food science, microbiology, toxicology, or other program related to food microbiological or toxicological safety (undergraduate or graduate level) at a college or university at the time of the application deadline
- Submit an application in **one electronic file** (*four page maximum*) by **February 28, 2012**, that includes the following documents:
 - 1) Completed Student Travel Scholarship Application Form**
 - 2) Statement of Interest** (*one page*) explaining:
 - Why you are interested in food safety and quality
 - Your career aspirations
 - Why you wish to attend the IAFP Annual Meeting
 - Your current research projects (if any): how the project will enhance food safety or quality and who will benefit from the work
 - 3) One letter of recommendation** from faculty member or department head (*cannot be from a current IAFP Board Member*) to include:
 - Outstanding qualifications/contributions made throughout the student's academic career
 - Potential value the student possesses toward making significant future contributions in the food safety profession

4) Additional information (*one page maximum*) to include:

- List of received awards, honors, travel grants, scholarships, etc.
 - Schools attended
 - Involvement in local affiliate
 - Other relevant supporting materials
- Submit application in English to facilitate review
 - Do not send transcripts.

Additional Information for Application

- Applicant is not required to present an oral or poster technical paper to qualify for the award.
- Previous recipients of this scholarship are not eligible to apply.
- Applications must be submitted as **ONE electronic file** (*four page maximum*) as Microsoft Word or PDF attachments. Separate files submitted or applications received by mail will not be accepted. Applications may be sent electronically to the IAFP office at: **scholarship@foodprotection.org** or by fax at: **+ 1 515.276.8655**.
- An acknowledgment of receipt of complete application will be sent via E-mail from IAFP shortly after receipt.
- Applicants will be notified of the final decision no later than **April 2, 2012**.

Travel Guidelines

Recipient Responsibilities

- If required, recipient will secure passport and visa for travel.
- Travel award is not transferable to another student or professor.
- Recipient will be responsible for making economy-fare airline travel arrangements. Recipient will book airfare one to two months before the meeting to ensure the lowest economy fare available. *Please plan to arrive and be rested for attendance at the 5:30 p.m. Welcome Reception on Saturday, July 21.*
- Receipts for airfare, transfers, and meals should be submitted to IAFP for reimbursement after completion of travel. Detailed instructions will be provided.
- Recipient is asked to submit a written summary of their experiences at the Annual Meeting by August 31 for publication in *Food Protection Trends*.

IAFP Responsibilities

- Total award for a student enrolled at a university located in the U.S. or Canada shall not exceed \$2,500 in U.S. funds. Total award for a student enrolled at a university outside the U.S. and Canada shall not exceed \$3,500 in U.S. funds.
- IAFP 2012 registration will be paid directly by IAFP.
- Hotel reservation (for single or double occupancy) will be made and paid directly by IAFP. The reservation will be made in the recipient's name for arrival on Saturday, July 21 (Friday, July 20, if traveling from outside North America), with departure on Thursday, July 26.

Questions regarding the reimbursement policy for the IAFP Student Travel Scholarship should be directed to David Tharp, Executive Director.