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 2020 program year, it is our pleasure to support the travel of up to 20 qualified students to attend IAFP 2020, to be held August 2–5 in Cleveland, Ohio. Through generous contributions to the IAFP Foundation, scholarships will be awarded to students from countries with developing economies,* from outside North America and from North America.

Application Deadline: February 18, 2020

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 as instructed on the application website (see next page) by February 18, 2020, that includes the following documents as one PDF:
  1) Completed Student Travel Scholarship Application Form
  2) Statement of Interest (one page maximum) 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 (one page maximum) 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

*Countries with Developing Economies are those determined by the World Bank at: http://www.en.wikipedia.org/wiki/developing_country
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.

**Submitting Applications**

- Applications must be submitted by the established deadline as one PDF to studenttravel@foodprotection.org. Please follow directions carefully to avoid errors. Nominations received by email directly to the IAFP office or by mail will not be accepted.
- If you have questions about this travel scholarship or the required documents, please contact Susan Smith at sssmith@foodprotection.org.
- Once you have submitted your complete application *(no more than 4 pages maximum)*, you will receive an acknowledgement of receipt within 48 hours from Susan. (If you do not, please contact Susan.)
- Applicants will be notified of the final decision no later than **April 3, 2020**.

**Travel Guidelines**

**Recipient Responsibilities**

- If required, recipient will secure passport and visa for travel. Fees for passports and visas are NOT reimbursable. A letter of support can be provided upon request to apply for a passport/visa.
- 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 at least 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, August 1, 2020.*
- Detailed instructions will be provided prior to travel regarding reimbursement for airfare, transfers and meals. *(NOTE: Reimbursement will include an allowance for out-of-pocket meals.)*
- Fees for rental cars for travel during IAFP 2020 will NOT be reimbursed. Ubers, taxi and shuttles fees will be reimbursed only for travel to and from your local airport and travel between the Cleveland airport and your assigned hotel.
- Recipient is asked to submit a written summary of their experiences at the Annual Meeting by August 21, 2020 for publication in *Food Protection Trends*.

**IAFP Responsibilities**

- IAFP 2020 registration will be made and 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, August 1 (Friday, July 31, if traveling from outside North America), with departure on Thursday, August 6. *(NOTE: Recipient may be asked at the time of check-in to provide cash or an active credit card to be placed on hold for any incidentals charged to the room.)*

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