

MATCHING GIVERS AND SEEKERS: STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS

An ancient proverb goes, “If you have, give; if you need, seek.” Undergraduate and graduate students at the University of Illinois seek knowledge, experience, understanding, and wisdom. Our world-class institution attracts the sharpest and most accomplished of students, and our mission is to give them the intellectual tools and environment in which to excel before entering their chosen professional pathways. In the Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition (FSHN), students seek exceptional training in dietetics, food science, hospitality management, and human nutrition. Faculty members give students riveting lectures, challenging assignments, interesting research experiences, compelling feedback, and absorbing advice and mentorship. Our students also seek financial support so that they may pay for the cost of their education, participate fully in their college experience, pursue undergraduate research opportunities, travel and train abroad, attend scholarly and scientific meetings, and work side-by-side with stellar faculty members. Our scholarships and fellowships program gives undergraduate and graduate students, respectively, the opportunity to be immersed in transformative learning. By bolstering and building our scholarships and fellowships program, we will be able to match givers and seekers who share a unified vision of enabling the training of and empowering the creation of the next generation of food, nutrition, and hospitality professionals.

OPPORTUNITY:

Students of the FSHN department are being trained to promote a safe, nutritious, accessible, and affordable food supply that enhances human health. Now more than ever, the careers that our students are seeking to enter are critical to the food security and health of our nation’s people and the world’s population. By giving to the scholarships and fellowships program in the FSHN department, you will sponsor budding professionals with position titles including, among others:

- registered dietitian, nutritionist, supervisory dietitian, public health specialist
- food processing engineer, food product developer, flavor chemist, sensory scientist
- foodservice manager, event planner, restaurateur, hotelier, caterer
- nutritionist, technician, senior research scientist, regulatory specialist

There are multiple portals into supporting our students by giving to our scholarships and fellowships program. The entryway that aligns with your interests and capacity will ensure that we propel the bright minds of student seekers into their promising futures and that their accomplishments will give back to the legacy of distinction for which our beloved university is known. Examples of existing scholarships and fellowships to which you may give include:

- *Robin Orr Fund* to support scholarship awards to dietetic students who illustrate a commitment to community service and express a desire to serve at-risk audiences;
- *Arthur J. Siedler Scholarship* for undergraduate students majoring in the concentration of food science;



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- *Martha Z. Hecker Spice Box Scholarship* to support undergraduate learning assistants in the capstone fine dining course in hospitality management; and
- *Blanche H. Larson Fellowship* for graduate students studying the relationship of proper nutrition to prevention of human diseases.

Contributions to these and other existing funds may be made to bolster their balances to maximize the impact of scholarships, fellowships, travel, and research awards given to undergraduate and graduate students each year. Givers who want to create new opportunities for students seeking support are encouraged to do so.

RESOURCES REQUIRED:

Gifts of any amount to existing endowments and funds are appreciated. Please share your specific interests or identify the existing fund to which you would like to contribute. New endowments can also be established. Funding at the major gift level will support a diversity of scholarships, fellowships, travel grants, research awards, and lectureships so that our students seeking knowledge and training may elevate and honor the gifts of our givers.

“Scholarships let my daughter focus on her studies, instead of figuring out how to pay for tuition. She was able to join clubs and work with a professor to learn more about food and nutrition so that she could get a better internship.”

-FSHN parent



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