Robert Cassens: Robert Cassens Award

Dr. Robert Cassens Mentor Scholar Award

Objective

1. Dr. Robert Cassens was a long-time AMSA member and a leader in the meat science community during his distinguished career at the University of Wisconsin. The Dr. Robert Cassens Mentor Scholar Award is a non-tuition scholarship intended to: 1) support the efforts of Ph.D.-level graduate students in completing research or communicating their research results at national or international conferences like RMC or ICoMST, and/or: 2) to travel domestically/internationally to engage in collaborative meat science research or access equipment/techniques unavailable on their campus. The overall goal is to advance Ph.D. student research and assist in establishing contacts important to their career.

Eligibility

1. Interested students who are members or are becoming members of AMSA are encouraged to apply. Competitive applicants will be Ph.D. students who have: (1) completed at least two years of graduate study, an M.S. degree, or its equivalent on research using fundamental approaches to advance the biochemical understanding of muscle, fresh and/or processed meats, and (2) are advancing their research agenda beyond their home campus, or who are presenting their research at a national or international meeting.

Nature of the award

1. One award will be presented this year. The award consists of a cash payment of $1,500. The recipient will also be required to provide a follow-up report that details how the funds were used and their experiences.

What do you need to have to apply?

1. Statement of Interest - The student shall write a ~~cover letter~~ statement of interest no more than one page describing how he/she fulfills the criteria of the award, which is
   a. “research using fundamental approaches to advance”
   b. “the biochemical understanding of muscle, fresh and/or processed meats”, and
   c. “are advancing their research agenda beyond their home campus, or who are presenting their research at a national or international meeting.”
2. Resume- Suitable to accompany a job application in the meat and food industry.
3. Student Unofficial Transcript
4. Any additional items (if applicable)

Submitting Application

Students must apply to each scholarship individually, to ensure students are eligible for the specific award.
Application materials should be combined into one PDF file titled "Name of Nominee_Name of Scholarship", which should also be included in the email subject line. Applications will be submitted to AMSA Staff at information@meatscience.org

Contact:
If you have questions or need additional information on the program, contact AMSA Staff at information@meatscience.org.