



AMSA Scholarship Opportunities Now Available

Applications are currently being accepted for three different AMSA scholarships. Interested applicants can find more information and the application on the [AMSA website](#). You can also contact Rachel Adams at radams@meatscience.org with additional questions. Applications for all AMSA scholarships must be received no later than March 10th, 2017 11:59 p.m. central standard time.

Kinsman International Award

Eligible students must present verification of their plan to travel internationally with primary intent toward meat science education. Appropriate international activities involve the international travel of a student for the primary purpose of meat science education. Examples include: study research, or internship opportunities, as well as attendance at meetings that are international for the student such as ICoMST or RMC, for the purpose of presenting their research findings. This year one cash award of \$1250 will be awarded. The recipient will also be required to provide a follow-up report that details how the funds were used and details their experiences.

Robert Cassens Scholar Award

The Robert Cassens Scholar Award is available to a current PhD student to support their efforts in completing and communicating their research and to help establish a professional network that will sustain their meat science careers. One award of \$1500 will be awarded in 2017. The recipient will be required to provide a follow-up report that details how the funds were used and details their experiences.

C. Boyd Ramsey RMC Scholar Award

The C. Boyd Ramsey RMC Scholar Award was established to assist undergraduate and graduate students with interests in meat science by providing a travel scholarship to the AMSA Reciprocal Meat Conference. This year, four undergraduate and two graduate awards of \$530 each will be awarded to offset travel costs associated with attending the 70th Reciprocal Meat Conference on June 18-21, 2017 in College Station, Texas. Recipients will be required to provide a follow-up report that details how the funds were used and details their experiences. This scholarship is co-sponsored by the C. Boyd Ramsey Mentorship Fund and the AMSA Student Membership.

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Student Leadership Conference

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The 2017 Student Leadership Conference (SLC) will be held in St. Louis, Missouri on March 24-25. The conference will focus on starting your career and the many ways in which you may be interviewed before landing your dream job. AMSA professionals will walk you through the details of phone, skype, and in-person interviews as well as how to interact with potential employers during a meal. Students will also have the opportunity to get feedback on their resume or CV as well as complete a personality assessment through workshops. Industry tours and valuable networking will also be on the pre-conference agenda. Mark your calendars. It's going to be a fun-filled weekend! Registration is open now and more information will be coming soon [online!](#)

SLC Travel Scholarship

Devin Gredell & Carla Weissend

Travel scholarships will be given to a number of universities this year for the SLC. Each university will be presented with a predetermined travel scholarship at the 2017 SLC to assist with the travel costs to SLC. The objective of this travel scholarship is to assist universities with students interested in attending the 2017 AMSA Student Leadership Conference March 24-25, 2017 in St. Louis, Missouri. As a student association, it is important to create opportunities to benefit those interested in the meat industry by providing them with educational and networking opportunities. This university travel scholarship is sponsored by the AMSA Student Membership. Applications for the Student Leadership Conference must be received no later than February 13, 2017 11:59pm. Applications and additional details can be found on the [AMSA website](#) or contact [Rachel Adams](#) for more information.

Career Fair

Devin Gredell & Carla Weissend

The RMC Career Fair will be similar to the 2016 Career Fair and will be held on Sunday, June 18 at Texas A&M. There will be a number of universities and industry representatives for you to meet and network with. This is a perfect opportunity to explore the idea of graduate school, search for an internship, and even make connections that could help you find a job. Career Fair Bingo will once again be a chance for you to win some great prizes! You won't want to miss this opportunity at the 2017 RMC!

Taste of RMC

Drew Cassens, Hope Voegele & Nick Hardcastle

We are very excited about Taste of RMC this year! We have taken a lot into consideration for this years contest.

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Our number one goal was to make sure that our competition reflected today's meat industry. The industry is working very hard to meet the consumer's demand for convenient, easy to prepare meat products that work economically into a family's budget. This year's theme will center around grilling and will require your team to create an At Home Grill Kit similar to a Blue Apron meal kit. We feel that the direction we have chosen to go with this year's Taste of RMC will represent this well. Additionally, the Product Development Committee felt that the commercials last year were a huge hit. We have chosen to keep the commercials included in this year's competition in order for each university to show case their students. Lastly, we will have a very unique location for our event this year! Taste of RMC will be held alongside the Picnic and final round of the softball tournament at Blue Bell Park. Look for more information about Taste of RMC [online](#) as we get closer to the event. We can't wait to see you all at the ball park!

Iron Chef

Drew Cassens, Hope Voegele & Nick Hardcastle

The student board is always discovering new and exciting ways to keep students guessing and on their toes during the Iron Chef competition. This year, the student board has exceeded those goals! At the 2017 RMC, be ready to expect the unexpected and enhance those southern roots commonly found at Texas A&M. We look forward to working with the product development committee and making this Iron Chef the best yet, more information is posted [online](#)!

Social Activities

Drew Cassens, Hope Voegele & Nick Hardcastle

Texas A&M is full of fun and exciting places for everybody to enjoy! The student board had the opportunity to witness and experience many of the popular venues in College Station during our visit. We look forward to creating hot spots that are friendly for both students and industry professionals allowing more opportunities for reciprocation. In addition to the listing of nightly hot spots, a more detailed list will be provided through the RMC app. This will allow members to venture out and experience the other activities and venues at Texas A&M. We look forward to having everybody in College Station for the 2017 RMC!

Fundraising

Judson Smith

The Fundraising committee has arguably the most visible and exciting task moving into the new year. Our committee is excited for the opportunity to work with the universities coming to RMC in College Station and host what might be the most exciting T-Shirt Auction in recent years. As the planning continues, we are excited that all the proceeds from the 2017 RMC T-Shirt Auction will go

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towards the AMSA Mentor Recognition funds to support their activities. We are privileged to have such a close connection with these distinguished programs. Furthermore, the Fundraising committee is working to create the promotional items for 2017. We are currently reviewing several AMSA branded apparel options including polo style collared shirts, quarter zip jackets, and insulated cups to name a few. Finally, the committee is searching for items to include in the annual AMSA Student Board Silent Auction. If you or anyone you know is interested in including an item in the silent auction, please contact Judson Smith at JES0034@auburn.edu with any questions or comments. We are excited about 2017 and hope to see you in College Station!

Reciprocation Sessions

Morgan Pfeiffer

The student board is excited to provide two student focused reciprocation sessions that will be engaging and educational. Our plan is to further enhance your skills to help you land your dream job with a session focused on what questions to ask after being offered a job. Additionally, we are looking at a few different options for a session based around a panel discussing graduate school or industry jobs. If anyone has any ideas please feel free to reach out to Morgan Pfeiffer at morgan.m.neilson@okstate.edu

Student Board Elections

Morgan Pfeiffer

- Early February – Open nomination site
- April 3rd – Nominations close
- April 6th – Launch first ballot
- April 20th – Close 1st ballot
- April 25th - Launch 2nd ballot
- May 9th – Close 2nd ballot
- May 11th – Announce election results

Nicolas Herrera, University of Nebraska
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