

2018-2019 Section of Excellence

Last year the IFT Volunteer Section was awarded the Section of Excellence Award at IFT19. The dedication to the food science and technology profession, volunteer events, and excellent leadership are all aspects that we have been commended on. This is an amazing accomplishment for the section!



IFT VOLUNTEER SECTION NEWSLETTER

February 2020

Spring into Volunteering!

The UTK Food Science Club is working together with ASABE this semester for our Third Creek Cleanup on **March 7th, March 28th, and April 18th**. We will be organizing volunteers to help clean-up Third Creek near UTK's campus! All are welcome to help out, and we can sign off on volunteer hours. For more information please contact either Jenna Laughlin (jlaughl2@vols.utk.edu) or Niamh Schumacher (nschuma2@vols.utk.edu).



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IFT Volunteer Section Spring Meetings

This spring the Volunteer Section will be meeting in **Chattanooga on March 23rd** at the [Sweet & Savory Classroom](#) for a lovely cooking class! Additionally, research poster competitions will be held in Nashville on May 5th. Be on the lookout for information about both meetings!

UT Food Science Club to host IFTSA 2020 Midwest Area Meeting

If you haven't heard the news by now, UT FSC won the bid to host the IFTSA 2020 Midwest Area Meeting on April 3rd-4th. The Leadership Team, headed by Jennifer Vuia-Riser (Lead Chair) with Joshua Brantley and Bob

Pellegrino as Co-Chairs, has been hard at work organizing details for an exceptional event! **We would love to see some new and familiar faces from the Volunteer Section! If you are interested in sponsoring or donating items to the IFTSA Midwest Area Meeting & College Bowl Competition to be held at UT, please email Jennifer (jvuia@vols.utk.edu).**

IFTSA Competition Entry Period Closing

Every year IFTSA holds various competitions and awards sponsored by companies to further the development of technical and practical skills of young food scientists. These competitions and awards offer scholarship money, connects to industry, internship opportunities and resume building accolades. Listed below are competitions and award applications with the deadline for submission being **March 15th**.

- [Excellence in Leadership Award](#)
- [Undergraduate Research Competition](#)
- [Graduate Research Video Competition](#)

IFT Intern+ Applications and Scholarships

Being a member has loads of perks! Like incredible internships with companies like [Synergy Flavors](#), [Mérieux NutriSciences](#) whose internship applications end on **February 28th** and [bioMérieux](#) which ends on **March 20th**. These internships are EXTREMELY competitive with offerings of:

- One paid internship starting in Summer 2020
- One **\$1,500-\$2,500** tuition scholarship for 2020-2021 academic year
- Opportunity to attend **IFT20** in Chicago, IL in July 2020
- Opportunity to connect with other Intern+ recipients for additional networking and learning throughout the summer (virtually and in-person)

Additionally, there are many [scholarship opportunities](#) available to [undergrads](#) and [graduates](#) appealing to many different disciplines of food science. Deadlines end on **March 2nd**, so make sure to get those applications in ASAP!

Questions? Want to include an update in the next Newsletter? You can reach out to me anytime via email, Joshua Brantley (jbrant12@vols.utk.edu).

Sign up to be a part of IFT

Network with thousands of food science professionals, join the Volunteer Section, meet students in food science from around the world and gain exclusive access to internship opportunities, scholarships, and free professional development events by signing up to be an IFT member today! Just go to IFT.org and click on “[Become a Member](#)”. From there, follow the on-screen instructions. [Students get discounted dues](#) and becoming an annual member is only \$60! Just graduated? There is an “[Early Career](#)” option that is discounted too!

IFT20: SHIFT20

IFT20—the place, the platform, and the event where you will be inspired to imagine, learn, connect and shift to what’s possible in the future of food. Experience IFT’s Annual Event and Food Expo like never before with more opportunities for meaningful engagement and exploration into some of the most important topics facing the industry and the global food supply today and into the future. Mark your calendar for July 12th-15th! Check out the [Feeding Tomorrow Student Travel Scholarship for the IFT Annual Meeting](#) that **opens up from March 2-31!**

UTK Food Science Club - Update

Our students had a great fall semester of learning, making new friends, and getting together to grow themselves as leaders! The first meeting of the spring semester kicked off with a pizza-making dinner. If you’d like to donate to or sponsor a meeting, let the UTK Food Science Club know at foodscienceclub@utk.edu.

Coming Soon – Section Spotlight

Have you or another IFT member hit a milestone in your career? Do you know an IFTSA student who has received an internship, scholarship, or award? Let us know so that they can be featured in the Newsletter!