

IAFP Travel Award

for Food Safety Professionals in a Country with a Developing Economy

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Objective: To provide travel funds for food safety professionals working full-time in the field of food safety in a country with a developing economy* to attend the Annual Meeting of the International Association for Food Protection.

For 2025, it is our pleasure to support the travel for three qualified food safety professionals working in a country with a developing economy to attend IAFP 2025, to be held July 27-30 in Cleveland, Ohio. This award is sponsored by the IAFP Foundation.*

Criteria for Applicants

- Hold employment for a minimum of two (2) years as a food safety professional in a related profession located in a country with a developing economy* (*related professions may include positions in the fields of research, education, industry, government service or in the private sector*).
- Applicant must be a non-student at the time of application and during the IAFP Annual Meeting (when receiving the award).
- The online application will require the following information:
 - 1) Statement of Need** (one page maximum) explaining:
 - Your specific area(s) of interest in food safety and quality
 - Your career accomplishments (or aspirations)
 - Why you wish to attend the IAFP Annual Meeting and how you will use the information obtained
 - 2) Letter of recommendation or support** (one page maximum) from a superior, colleague or co-worker (*cannot be from a current IAFP Board Member*)
 - 3) Related activities and/or work information** to include (one page maximum):
 - Educational background and professional associations
 - Any scholarships and/or research grants received
 - Recognition of achievements
 - Other relevant supporting information

Additional Information for Application

- Recipients of this travel award are eligible to re-apply after two years.
- IAFP Membership is not required.

*<https://www.foodprotection.org/upl/downloads/library/world-bank-designated-countries.pdf>

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Judging Procedure

Procedure for evaluation of each applicant

This procedure was designed with the intention of providing a matrix to help the award jury select a winner with a relatively equitable, semi-quantitative method. Applicants have been instructed to provide specific information that reflects the expectations and specific intent of the Travel Award for a Food Safety Professional in a Country with a Developing Economy.

The jury's task is to evaluate the applicant by measuring his or her performance against the criteria listed above and applying the 1-5 Rating Scale given below. To obtain each criterion's weighted score, multiply the criterion's % weight (in decimal format) times the score that was assigned from the 1-5 Rating Scale. Applicants should be ranked for each criterion on their own merit and should also be ranked in relation to other nominees. The table provided should be used to organize the evaluation data. Add the weighted scores in order to obtain the overall ranking of the candidate.

Rating Scale

- 5 **Outstanding:** performance exceeds *judge's* expectations for criterion
- 4 **Above average:** performance is above average expectation level for criterion
- 3 **Average:** performance meets average criterion expectations
- 2 **Below average:** performance below expectations
- 1 **Unsatisfactory or not applicable:** performance does not meet criterion expectations, or the criterion does not apply to the candidate

The following is an example of an applicant receiving a perfect score (5 in each criterion).

Award Criteria	Criterion % Weight (x Factor)	Judge's Score	Weighted Score
Statement of need	45% (0.45)	5.0	2.25
Letter of recommendation	25% (0.25)	5.0	1.25
Related activities or work	<u>30% (0.30)</u>	5.0	<u>1.50</u>
	100%	15.0	5.00

Weighted score + criteria score given based on rating guideline times criteria weight factor: (e.g., if Statement of need score = 4, then 4 x 0.45 = 1.80.)