



**Institute for the Advancement of Food and Nutrition Sciences (IAFNS)  
Graduate Student and Post-Doc Stipends  
For Research Using the Comprehensive Fiber Database**

**Publication and travel stipends are available** on an ad hoc basis for graduate students and post-docs who complete research based primarily on the Fiber Database developed and maintained by Tufts University with funding from IAFNS.

**The database:** <https://iafns.org/our-work/research-tools-open-data/dietary-fiber-database/>

**Project ideas** include evidence reviews of fiber and health outcomes and knowledge or gaps analysis of a specific area of fiber as it relates to human health. Other uses may also be considered as long as the database is a primary tool used in conduct and analysis.

**Travel Awards:** Up to 2 travel awards may be granted annually to reimburse up to US \$1,000 each to cover meeting registration or travel for a graduate student or post-doc to present in an oral or poster presentation a project in which the Comprehensive Fiber Database serves as the basis for analysis.

Types of meetings include but are not limited to scientific meetings at national or international meetings such as IFT, American Society for Nutrition annual science session, Vahouny Fiber Conference, FENS (Federation of European Nutrition Societies), IUNS International Nutrition Conference, International Dietary Fiber Conference, Digestive Disease Week.

**Publications:** Awards will be granted on an ad hoc basis up to US \$4,000 in the form of reimbursed fees for free access to a peer-reviewed paper accepted for publication by a student currently enrolled in a nutrition or food science graduate program or by a post-doc in food science or nutrition who is the first author on a paper for which the Fiber Database is a primary tool for analysis.

To be considered, publications must be peer-reviewed journals that reach a scientific, government, or health professional audience.

**Example:** An example project that was presented at an ASN scientific meeting and then published is provided to illustrate types of projects that will be considered.

*Dietary Fiber and the Human Gut Microbiota: Application of Evidence Mapping Methodology.* Caleigh M. Sawicki, etc. al.

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC5331556/>

**How to Apply:** Applicants should submit their requests to [byle@iafns.org](mailto:byle@iafns.org). Requests will be reviewed and responses provided within 8 weeks of their request.

**Application for travel of publication stipend**

<b>Applicant name, email, phone, link to research lab if relevant.</b>	
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<b>Applicants research supervisor</b>	
<b>Abstract</b> of the publication or presentation	
<b>Publication journal</b> and confirmation of acceptance.	
<b>Scientific meeting</b> the presentation/poster has been accepted to confirmation of acceptance.	
<b>Statement</b> of how the fiber database was used in the project.	
<b>Are you interested in presenting your work to the IAFNS Carbohydrates committee – with scientists from government, industry, and academia</b>	Yes/no and any comments you have regarding this such as timing.

Attachments to support the request.

- 1) Applicants CV or resume
- 2) Letter of support from the principal investigator in the lab stating that the funds support this graduate student or post-doc's project.
- 3) Supporting document showing the article is accepted for publication or presentation.