

Priorities for the Future of Animal Research will be decided – Will You Be There?

The Farm Animal Integrated Research, or FAIR, 2012 Conference to be held in Baltimore, March 2012, will establish consensus on priorities for animal agricultural research, education, and outreach that can be used by federal and state research agencies, allied industries, and universities to provide direction and funding for efficient and sustainable farm animal production systems to meet the increased global demand for food by 2050.

The FAIR 2012 Program Committee is seeking out exceptional graduate students to play an active role in the FAIR 2012 Conference!

Responsibilities:

- Attend talks by key research, government, and industry experts that will lead to policy and research focus discussions.
- Work within small breakout discussion groups and serve as a diligent, detail-oriented recorder during discussion sessions. Recorders will be responsible for capturing all comments made from participants during each breakout session, in a typed, understandable, and useful format.
- Assist discussion moderators in summarizing and capturing highlights of each breakout discussion session, which will be used to compile resources that will be provided to policy makers, research agencies, and the general public.

Benefits:

- Participation in the FAIR 2012 Conference that will produce research, education, and outreach focus objectives to government policy makers, research agencies, and the public.
- Insight into traditional and non-traditional career opportunities within the animal science field.
- Participation in a graduate student career and professional development event following FAIR that will include a visit to the USDA-ARS Beltsville Area Research Center.
- All domestic travel expenses paid.

Requirements for Nomination Package:

- Cover Letter including name, current school, anticipated program completion date, and TOEFL scores for international nominees
- Nominee Statement of Interest addressing the following (1 page limit):
 - Current graduate study program description
 - Education and career goals
 - The importance of science and public policy to the future of animal research
- Current curriculum Vitae/Resume
- Letter of recommendation from major advisor addressing:
 - Nominee's proficiency in written and spoken scientific language
 - Qualifications and interests of nominee to participate in FAIR 2012

For questions please contact:

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All nomination materials are due as a compiled PDF document to Heather White by October 1, 2011.