**2022 Urban Food Systems Symposium (UFSS) Professional Travel Scholarship**

The Urban Food Systems (UFS) Symposium is pleased to offerup to **$500 travel awards** for up to 25 UFS educators to attend 2022 UFSS, which can cover registration and other travel costs. Priority will be given to applicants from the [North Central Region of the US](https://northcentral.sare.org/), but applicants from other regions can also apply.

**Eligibility: Applicants not meeting these criteria will be removed from consideration:**

* Current professionals working in Urban Food Systems or a related field; current undergraduate and graduate students studying in Urban Food Systems or a related field who are (or plan to) provide education to others in the area of Urban Food Systems are also eligible to apply
* Applicant has submitted an abstract to 2022 UFSS (abstract deadline is March 15, 2022) prior to applying for a travel grant. Abstract submission available at: <https://urbanfoodsystemssymposium.org/call-for-abstracts>

**Criteria For Review**

All applications are scored on a 40-point scale as given below:

* Statement of interest: This should include why you are interested in Urban Food Systems, what your career plans are, and how the symposium will help you develop your professional goals.
  + Describe your professional and personal interest in Urban food systems (maximum 400 words) – 15 points
  + How attending this Symposium will advance your professional goals (maximum 400 words) – 10 points
* Written quality of submitted UFSS abstract – 10 points
* Applicant from the US North Central Region- 5 points

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| Criteria | Points Allowed | Points Awarded |
| **Statement of Interest:** | **25** |  |
| Describe your professional and personal interest in Urban food systems? | 15 |  |
| How will the symposium help you develop your professional goals? | 10 |  |
| **Quality of UFSS abstract submission:** | **10** |  |
| **Applicant from the North Central Region** | **5** |  |
| **Total Points:** | **40** |  |

Note: we encourage participants to leverage these funds with their state Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) travel funds and other sources.

Travel Scholarship application deadline: **April 16, 2022**

Notification to travel scholarship recipients: May 16, 2022

How to apply: Complete this form: <https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0TCKtUrbEFYZKho>

Scholarship recipients will be reimbursed for their expenses incurred (up to $500) for registration and travel to UFSS 2022 after those expenses have been incurred and expense receipts presented.

Questions: Please contact [lnwadike@ksu.edu](mailto:lnwadike@ksu.edu)

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