



Press Release

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Training Institute Now Accepting Applications for 2013-14 Fellowship Program

Battle Creek, MI January 20, 2013 – The International Food Protection Training Institute is pleased to announce that they are currently accepting applications for the 2013-14 cohort of the Applied Science, Law, and Policy: Fellowship in Food Protection program.

The program is designed to provide food regulatory professionals, who have 2 to 10 years of experience, with critical thinking, problem solving, and decision-making skills, within the framework of food regulatory science, law, and policy.

The Fellowship in Food Protection is a series of three week-long training sessions that will be held at The Training Institute in Battle Creek, Michigan over the course of one year beginning in August, 2013.

The sessions are divided in the following subjects: 1) Applied Law, 2) Compliance, 3) Policies & Strategies, 4) The Impact of Science, 5) Food Systems Control Applications, and 6) Prevention, Intervention, and Response. The Fellows will also complete research projects during the course of the year and will present their findings at the annual Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO) Conference.

The program overview and applications are available online on our <u>Fellowship page</u>. The Training Institute will reimburse all appropriate program-related travel expenses including airfare, hotel, and meals.

Application deadline is March 1, 2013.

Notification and confirmation of selected participants is May 17, 2013.

Cohort IV Fellows will be announced at the AFDO annual conference June 9-12, 2013 in Louisville, Kentucky.

About The Training Institute

The International Food Protection Training Institute is a member of the <u>Global Food Protection</u> <u>Institute</u>, a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization driving the adoption of food protection policies and practices for a safer global food supply. The Institute's mission is to improve public health and reduce mortality, morbidity and economic costs associated with foodborne illnesses.

The International Food Protection Training Institute is building and administering the training infrastructure for the nation's integrated food safety system. Working with federal regulatory and public health officials, the Training Institute is establishing and overseeing the implementation of a career-spanning food protection training curriculum and courses that will increase capacity, and assure competency and equivalency throughout regulatory jurisdictions at all levels of government.

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