



Academy Foundation Engagement Opportunities

The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Foundation is the only charitable organization devoted exclusively to supporting nutrition and dietetics professionals to help consumers create healthier lifestyles. The Foundation makes a difference through scholarships, awards, fellowships, and research grants. The Foundation builds upon past successes and its expanded role on the global stage, while maintaining national education and research efforts.

The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics and the Academy Foundation’s programs make a significant impact on our nearly 100,000 credentialed members and non-member practitioners in the areas of prevention and well-being, health care and health systems, and food and nutrition safety and security. Accelerating these efforts through partnerships and collaboration provides opportunities for credentialed food, nutrition, and dietetics professionals throughout the world.

Vision

A world where all people thrive through the transformative power of food and nutrition.

Mission

Through philanthropy, empower current and future food and nutrition practitioners to optimize global health.

Our Principles

The Foundation supports:

- Proactive application of inclusive grant making and fundraising practices to enhance access in the dietetic profession.
- Integration of research, professional development, and practice to stimulate innovation and discovery.
- Collaborations to solve the greatest food and nutrition challenges now and in the future.
- A system-wide impact across the food, well-being, and health care sectors.
- Elimination of all forms of malnutrition globally.
- Expansion of workforce capacity, capability and the contribution of food and nutrition practitioners.
- Accountability through transparency and fiduciary responsibility.

Engagement Opportunities

Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Food & Nutrition Conference & Expo® Sponsorship

The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Foundation hosts several popular and highly visible events at the Academy Food & Nutrition Conference & Expo®. They are promoted through a variety of digital and print mediums both pre- and post-meeting, as well as offering additional touch points throughout the conference. Come join us in Minneapolis!

Events include:

- Pre-FNCE® Nutrition Symposia
- Foundation Booth Puppy Corral
- Donor Reception
- Breakfast Session
- Virtual 5K Run/Walk
- Virtual Silent Auction

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FNCE® 2025

Food & Nutrition Conference & Expo®

Nashville, TN | October 11-14

Scholarships

Invest in the current and future food and nutrition and nutrition practitioners.

The Foundation provides scholarships for dietetics students at all levels of study. Funds are awarded annually to help students advance their academic careers. With the increasing cost of tuition, the need for this support continues to rise.



Make it a Million Scholarship Campaign

The Foundation's [Make it a Million Scholarship Campaign](#) is an effort to raise \$1M by the end of 2025 to help us to award \$1M in scholarships! We are currently at 90% of our goal, help us cross the finish line with a donation and help us build the next generation of food and nutrition professionals.

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Annual Fund

A donation to the Foundation's Annual Fund helps to make an impact on thousands of food and nutrition professionals and students. Gifts to the Foundation's Annual Fund are unrestricted and supports the Foundation's ongoing fundraising and programming activities. The Foundation does not receive any portion of Academy member dues and is funded solely by donations. The success and impact of our programs are directly attributed to the generosity of our donors.

To learn more about these opportunities, contact [Susie Burns](#) at sburns@eatright.org.

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Research & Fellowships

The Foundation supports efforts to expand prospective, evidence-based food and nutrition research and interventions through collaboration with the Academy's Research, International and Scientific Affairs (RISA) team.

Fellowships

The Foundation Fellowship program allows the Academy and Foundation to demonstrate the value of credentialed food, nutrition, and dietetics professionals effectively advocate for scaling evidenced-based solutions and amplify the contribution of the food and nutrition workforce. The Foundation's fellowship model deploys these fellows in the US and globally to address the greatest food and nutrition challenges throughout the world. Fellows conduct research and provide nutrition education that improves and sustains nutritional health, including robust dissemination activities.

The Foundation's successful fellowship model focuses on:

- Accelerating improvements in the health of the public, including prevention and well-being, health care and health systems, and food and nutrition safety and security
- Creating unique educational opportunities for credentialed and future practitioners at all levels
- Expanding practitioner expertise, including leadership skills
- Demonstrating the value of credentialed practitioners and nutrition interventions in a variety of settings and areas of practice, both in the U.S. and globally

Retrospective: Scoping and systematic reviews conducted by the Academy's Evidence Analysis Center (EAC)

The Academy's EAC has had multiple high-profile reviews published in *Advances in Nutrition*, *American Journal of Clinical Nutrition*, and *Nutrients*. Led by highly trained PhD, RDN methodologists the EAC researchers uses rigorous methods and statistics to aggregate and analyze data which answers important food, nutrition and dietetic questions.



Prospective: Registry studies (data driven studies with and without interoperability), clinical trials, community trials, and surveys

The Academy's Data Science Center and Nutrition Research Network work in tandem to facilitate prospective research, which aligns with the Academy's Research Priorities, testing nutrition effectiveness, cost effectiveness, and impact on outcomes using a variety of research study designs. The Academy has a web-based registry which can be used to collect nutrition and diet specific data across sites and settings, soon to include dietary patterns and intake data using API FHIR technology. Additionally, the Academy has skill researchers knowledgeable in securing institutional review board approvals, data management and statistical analysis.

Nutrition Science Forum

Each year, the Foundation works with the RISA team to host a Nutrition Science Forum. During these events, primary investigators of key projects share exciting research focused on a specific topic area and showcase the innovative research being conducted by the Academy and others. These studies are exemplar of different research methods, settings and populations and showcase the complexity of understanding malnutrition and the capacity and capabilities of the Academy and Foundation. A small, focused group of key leaders in this area of work are invited to attend the forum including C-Suite level representatives, select Academy Foundation fellows and Academy Spokespeople, representatives from private Foundations and other key stakeholders. Engaging participants in discussions on gaps and opportunities for future nutrition research, including co-creating a roadmap for areas of priority is one of the forum's outcomes.