2019 Student Connections Application

The American Seed Trade Association (ASTA) and Seed Science Foundation (SSF) proudly announce an exciting program for collegiate students, *Student Connections*. *Student Connections* provides students the ability to network, engage, and promote the seed industry at ASTA's annual policy and leadership development conference.

Student Connections is offered through ASTA and SSF to provide students an opportunity to network with industry professionals who represent diverse seed backgrounds including: seed breeders, sales, marketing, agronomy and senior leadership of seed companies from the United States, Mexico, Canada and beyond.

Students in an undergraduate and graduate degree program with an interest in joining the seed industry upon the completion of their studies are encouraged to apply.

Selected students will have the opportunity to:

1. Participate in the ASTA Policy and Leadership Development Conference (with financial assistance). This conference is held in Denver, CO and is one of the most important seed industry meetings in the world, attended by many seed industry professionals from all over the world. Participation will allow you to hear from world-class speakers and dozens of important sessions. You will have the opportunity to participate in discussions and decision-making forums on some of the most important issues effecting U.S. and world seed trade.
2. Each selected student will be matched with a seed company representative who will act as a mentor during the convention and a resource after the convention.
3. Undergraduate students will have an opportunity to network with seed industry leaders throughout conference.
4. Graduate students will have the opportunity to present a summary of their graduate research project in a poster session and possibly in an oral presentation.
5. Graduate students will be candidates for the Roger Krueger Scholarship with the winning student being asked to make an oral presentation during the conference.

Due to fuse@betterseed.org

Program Application

Personal Information (All Applicants)

Name:	Gender: M F
	Prefer not to disclose

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Main Phone:	Alternate Phone:
Email:	

Date of Birth:	Place of Birth:	Nationality:
Emergency Contact:	Relationship:	Phone #:
LinkedIn Profile:		

Educational Information (All Applicants)

Current University:	Department:
Degree Sought:	Anticipated Graduation Date:
City, State, Zip of University:	
Cumulative GPA(Undergraduate Students Only):	
Internship Plans(if, applicable):	

Educational Information (Graduate or Undergraduate Students completing research)

Major Professor:	Major Professor E-Mail:
Title of Research Study:	
Description of Area Study:	

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Educational Information (All Applicants, if applicable)

Previous University:	Previous Degree:
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Experience and Involvement (All Applicants)

1. List any extracurricular activities including, but not limited to: clubs and organizations, civic or church involvement, sports, internships, jobs.
2. List any awards or recognitions received.

Questions (All Applicants)

Please choose 2 of the 3 questions, and limit responses to approximately 200 words.

1. Why should you be chosen to participate in ASTA's Annual Policy and Development Conference?
2. What inspired you to pursue your education in the seed industry?
3. What are your future plans after graduation?

Documents to include with application (All Applicants)

1. Resume or CV
2. Answered Experience and Involvement
3. Answered Questions
4. Professional Headshot

Commitments (All Applicants)

1. Attend the Policy and Leadership Development Conference in Denver, Colorado. Conference dates are June 15-19, 2019. Selected applicants will be told required dates of attendance.
2. Approximately 3 pre-conference conference calls and web meetings.
3. Contact your mentor prior to the conference.
4. Be an ambassador of the seed industry!

Agreement and Signature

By submitting this application, I affirm that the facts set forth are true and complete.

Signature: **Date:**

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Application Deadline: March 15, 2019