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.

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.

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.
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
- Breakfast Session
- Virtual 5K Run/Walk and 2024 Medtronic Twin Cities Marathon Charity Bib Runners Team Package
- President’s Party with a Purpose
- Donor Reception
- Headshots
- Silent Auction

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2024 FNCE® Sponsorship Opportunities
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 will build up resources to award $1 million in scholarships on an annual basis. A gift to the Make It a Million Scholarship Fund or Lived Experiences to Advance Dietetics (LEAD Fund) will support this Campaign and help build the next generation of food and nutrition practitioners.

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.

Public Education – Kids Eat Right

Expand impact through educational efforts.

The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Foundation’s Kids Eat Right program focuses on the importance of healthful eating and active lifestyles for children and their families. Resources are available for both parents and caretakers, as well as Academy members to deliver food and nutrition education for kids and families in their communities. The Academy also maintains Kids Eat Right presence on social media, over two platforms, Facebook and Twitter (X), with 864,513 followers over both platforms.

Launched in 2014, Kids Eat Right Month which is scheduled for August — just in time for important nutrition messages as kids return to school — mobilizes registered dietitian nutritionists in a grassroots movement to share healthful eating messages to help families adopt nutritious eating habits. The Foundation is looking for a limited number of natural partners to serve as Kids Eat Right month sponsors.

During the 2023 August Kids Eat Right Month, the #KERmonth and #KERchat hashtags received 739 total posts, 1,315 total engagements and 11.64 million engagements.

To learn more about these opportunities, contact Susie Burns at sburns@eatright.org.
Engagement Opportunities

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

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.

The Academy Foundation supports efforts that make a tremendous impact within the profession, empowering Academy members to optimize global health with tools, research and model programs that are addressing the greatest food and nutrition challenges across the globe.