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USPOULTRY Foundation and PSA to Host Ph.D. and Veterinary Student Career Fair at 2027 IPPE

The U.S. Poultry & Egg Harold E. Ford Foundation (USPOULTRY Foundation), in partnership with the Poultry Science Association (PSA), will host the Ph.D. and Veterinary Student Career Fair during the 2027 International Production & Processing Expo (IPPE). The event will take place Tuesday, Jan. 26, from 8 to 11:30 a.m. in Room B-401 at the Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta, in conjunction with the International Poultry Scientific Forum.

The Career Fair provides an opportunity for doctoral and veterinary students to connect directly with poultry industry employers seeking specialized expertise and emerging talent. Designed to support U.S. Poultry & Egg Association (USPOULTRY) member companies and allied suppliers, the event will facilitate connections with organizations involved in genetics, animal health, pharmaceuticals, nutrition, emerging technologies and other science-driven sectors of the poultry industry.

“Advancing the poultry industry requires continued investment in the next generation of scientists, veterinarians and technical leaders,” said Jonathan Cade, Hy-Line International and USPOULTRY Foundation chair. “By bringing together talented students and industry employers, we are helping create meaningful connections that can lead to rewarding careers while strengthening the innovation, research and expertise that will shape the industry's future.”

The Ph.D. and Veterinary Student Career Fair complements the USPOULTRY Foundation's established College Student Career Program (CSCP), also held during IPPE. CSCP connects undergraduate and master's degree students with member companies and exhibitors offering internships and entry-level career opportunities across poultry production, processing and allied industries. Together, these initiatives provide pathways for students at various stages of their education to explore careers and establish valuable industry relationships.

PSA further supports student career development through programs focused on academic, research and industry opportunities. These include career resources for master's and doctoral students through the PSA Hatchery graduate student organization, as well as the Giesen Internship Program, which connects aspiring graduate students with industry collaborators. PSA also administers endowed undergraduate scholarships and graduate fellowships supported by industry donors, reinforcing its commitment to developing future poultry science professionals.

Each participating company will receive a table and two chairs. Companies are encouraged to bring literature, pop-up banners and/or other company information to give to prospective candidates. The deadline for companies to sign up is Friday, Jan. 1, 2027, and there is no cost to sign up. There is also no cost for students to participate.

For more information on the program and to sign up, go to https://www.ippexpo.org/education-programs/vet-student-career-fair/. For further information or inquiries, contact LaShundra Littles or Barbara Jenkins.

About USPOULTRY Foundation
The USPOULTRY Foundation's mission is to support the recruitment and training of the brightest students, seek and fund scientific research, foster student scientists and promote careers in the poultry and egg industry.