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\$7,000 USPOULTRY Foundation Student Recruiting Grant Awarded to Iowa State University

The USPOULTRY Foundation awarded a \$7,000 student recruiting grant to Iowa State University to assist with enlisting students with an interest in poultry to become future industry leaders. With Iowa State's Robert T. Hamilton Poultry Teaching and Research Facility and the Stanley L. Balloun Turkey Teaching and Research Facility, many opportunities exist for students to gain hands on experience in both the laying hen and turkey industries while completing their degree at Iowa State.

The funds will be used for the annual FFA Poultry Career Development and Educational Competition and the 'Flock to Your Future' event, held in conjunction with the Iowa Egg Symposium. The funds will also assist in engaging young learners through Animal Science Learning Day, as well as by directly engaging with the poultry industry through industry trips to tour processing plants and allied poultry companies throughout the state of Iowa and Midwest.

"These tours allow students to engage with the industry and observe new trends in poultry production and processing," said Dawn Koltes, assistant professor in the Department of Animal Science and Poultry Interest Group advisor.

"Additionally, with the assistance of extension program specialist, Amy Powell, this funding will support the development of 4-H poultry specific modules that can be used for educational opportunities, both at Iowa State and locally, for those interested in learning more about poultry. The development of these poultry specific modules will allow for poultry educational opportunities prior to college entrance and leadership opportunities for poultry students at Iowa State," said Koltes.

The USPOULTRY Foundation board approved student recruiting grants totaling \$297,580 to 26 colleges and universities across the United States with a poultry science department or industry-related degree program. The USPOULTRY Foundation provides annual recruiting funds to colleges and universities to attract students to their poultry programs. The grants are made possible by gifts to the Foundation from companies, individuals and families, in addition to funds earned over the years at the International Poultry Expo, part of the International Production & Processing Expo.

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.



Iowa State University students with \$7,000 USPOULTRY Foundation student recruiting grant.