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## **NAAB Doak Graduate Fellowship**

The NAAB Doak Graduate Fellowship is a unique opportunity for individuals pursuing a career in the bovine genetic improvement industry to earn a Master of Science degree in bovine genetics or bovine male reproduction physiology. This is intended for individuals who have long term aspirations in the industry as exemplified by Dr. Gordon Doak, who dedicated 42 years to developing NAAB programs. The fellowship is open to any candidate who has completed or will complete a 4-year degree or equivalent and seeks an advanced degree at a major US university with an approved research project under the guidance of a mutually agreeable advisor.

## **Fellowship Details**

Student is expected to complete a Master of Science degree at an approved US university with an approved mentor. **Candidate Criteria** 

- Must have a B.S. in related field from an accredited university.
- Student is currently not enrolled in a Masters' or PhD study. ٠
- Student must start their Masters' study within the 2022 calendar year. •
- Student must be able to study on-site (COVID-19 restrictions will be taken into consideration). •
- International students are eligible. However, receipt of the fellowship is conditional on obtaining ٠ a study visa within 6 months of the award date and the ability to travel to the USA.
- Student must remain continuously enrolled in the program for remaining funding to be awarded.
- Top candidates should exhibit strong work ethic, resourcefulness, commitment, persistence, industry knowledge, research experience, and vision for the future.

Duration: Two-year Master of Science program Award: Award includes research assistantship, tuition, fringe benefits plus lab and research supplies up to a total amount of \$50,000 per year. This fellowship will be awarded to the institution, on behalf of the selected student. The NAAB does not pay indirect costs on this fellowship.

Experience: Award recipient will be considered a full-time student but would be expected to attend and participate in specific NAAB and industry related activities/events.

## **Application Deadline: December 1, 2021** for Summer/Fall 2022 enrollment.

- To apply, submit: Academic transcripts and resume
  - Contact details for three references (contacted only if applicant is selected as finalist).
  - A cover letter (maximum 2 pages) addressing your qualifications and your motivation to pursue a career in bovine genetics or bovine male reproduction physiology. Why are you excited about the future of the dairy and/or beef industry? Convince us that you are the person who will help realize this future.

Via Email: Jay Weiker - scholarships@naab-css.org via Mail: (see address in header) or

NAAB is the national trade association for artificial insemination businesses. NAAB members account for about 95% of dairy semen sold in the USA and market semen to more than 100 countries around the world.