



National Association
of Animal Breeders

NAAB Doak Graduate Fellowship

in Bovine Genetics or Reproductive Physiology



Application Deadline: **Dec 1, 2026** for summer/fall enrollment

Goal of the Fellowship

The goal of NAAB Doak Graduate Fellowship is to conduct research and train students for the improvement of the bovine artificial insemination industry and for the benefit of NAAB members.

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Who is it for?

This Fellowship is intended for individuals who are excited to pursue a career in bovine genetics or bovine male reproductive physiology. The Fellowship is open to any candidate, American or international, who has completed or will complete a 4-year degree or equivalent and seeks an advanced degree in either of these two disciplines at a major US university.

Eligibility

The student is expected to complete a Master of Science degree at an approved US university.

Candidate Criteria:

- Must have a B.S. or equivalent in related field from an accredited university.
- Student is currently not enrolled in a Masters' or PhD study.
- Student must start their NAAB Fellowship funded Masters' study within the 2027 calendar year
- Student must be able to study on-site
- International students are eligible. Receipt of the fellowship is conditional on obtaining 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.

Research Criteria:

Research project/idea must be centric to the improvement and support of bovine artificial insemination as a primary tool for the genetic improvement of dairy and beef cattle.

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.

What to submit

To apply, submit:

1. Academic transcripts and resume.
2. Contact details for three references (contacted only if applicant is selected as finalist).
3. A cover letter (maximum 2 pages) addressing your qualifications and your motivation:
 - a) Why are you excited about the future of the dairy and/or beef industry. What is your vision for the future and how genetic improvement through artificial insemination can help? Convince us that you are the person who will help realize this future.
 - b) What is the research topic you would like to present, and how do you believe this topic contributes to the improvement of bovine artificial insemination and genetic improvement?

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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.