

Emil Mrak Memorial Scholarship

Emil M. Mrak came to Davis in 1951 to serve as Chair of the Department of Food Science and Technology and was internationally known for his work on the preservation of foods and the biology of yeasts. He was Chancellor at Davis from 1959 to 1969 and presided over a tremendous period of campus growth. At the time of his death in 1987, friends and associates established this scholarship to honor his memory. It is for students studying in the field of food science and technology

Christine M. Bruhn Award in Consumer Food Science

This award was endowed in 2013 by family and friends to honor Dr. Christine M. Bruhn's contributions to research on consumer issues in food safety and quality. Dr. Bruhn earned three degrees from UC Davis and went on to join Cooperative Extension from 1986 to 2014 as a Consumer Food Marketing Specialist in the Department of Food Science and Technology where she also directed the Center for Consumer Research. The Award supports an undergraduate student interested in consumer food science or a graduate student conducting research in consumer attitudes and behavior concerning food choice.

John C. Bruhn Dairy Foods Scholarship

This scholarship is named in honor of John C. Bruhn, PhD, who served as a Dairy Foods Processing Specialist with Cooperative Extension in the Department Food Science and Technology until 2006. He began his career after receiving his PhD in dairy bacteriology-biochemistry from UC Davis in 1969. The endowment was established in 2007 with gifts from industry organizations including the California Association of Dairy Milk Sanitarians, the California Creamery Operators Association and the California Dairy Industries Association in addition to gifts from the Bruhn family. It is awarded to an undergraduate or Master's student with an interest in the dairy foods industry with preference given to Master's students.

Jacqueline Herbert Beckley and Leslie J. Herzog Scholarship

The Jacqueline Herbert Beckley and Leslie J. Herzog Fellowship was created in 2012 by food science alumna Jacqueline Herbert Beckley and her husband, Leslie J. Herzog, as part of the Campaign for UC Davis and with matching support from the UC Davis Foundation. Jacqueline and Leslie have been active members of the Food Science and Technology Leadership Board and strong supporters of the department and the food industry. The scholarship supports undergraduate or graduate students in Food Science.

Alice C. Bridge Memorial Scholarship

This memorial scholarship was established in 1962 by a gift from Homer L. Bridge and is for students in the Department of Food Science and Technology.

Carpenter Memorial Scholarship

Established in 1993 this scholarship endowment honors the memories of Cliff and Jane Carpenter and is available to students studying food science and technology or nutrition.

Lloyd Chan Award

Lloyd G. Chan is a three-time UC Davis alumnus with BS degrees in chemistry and food biochemistry, an MS in food science, and an education credential. He worked in the malting industry, then in law enforcement, and eventually as a high school teacher in Fairfield. Mr. Chan created the Lloyd Chan Award in 2019 for undergraduate or graduate students in food science.

Rose Drake Award

This award was created in 1994 by Douglas Drake in honor of his mother, Rose Drake, who was involved in the California frozen food industry and also attended UC Davis. Mr. Drake is a graduate of the Department of Food Science and Technology at UC Davis and went on to a career as an attorney in Sacramento. The Award is designated to encourage students studying Food Science and Technology.

Food Science Leadership Board Scholarship

The Food Science Leadership Board is composed of alumni and friends of the Department of Food Science and Technology from throughout the food industry. It provides the department ideas on how to best meet the needs of the food industry and society through an engaged teaching, research and outreach agenda. The Food Science and Technology Leadership Board Award was established in 2013 by the members of the Leadership Board to support undergraduate and/or graduate students in food science.

Irwin Gibbs Food Industry Foundation Scholarship

This scholarship dates back to 1956 and is thought to be the oldest scholarship associated with the Department of Food Science and Technology. Originally known as the Foodsters Scholarship, it was renamed in 2012 to acknowledge Irwin Gibbs, founder of the Foodsters and a proud former student of Emil Mrak. The Foodsters Scholarship was endowed in perpetuity in 1990 and members of the group, now known as the Food Industry Foundation, continue to raise money for the scholarship and honor student recipients at their annual Cioppino Feed. This scholarship is for UC Davis undergraduates majoring in Food Science and Technology, Nutrition Science and/or Agricultural Economics and interested in a career in food marketing or management.

Julie Heil Scholarship

This scholarship is named in honor of Julianna Heil, a UC Davis Food Science alumna and retired staff research associate. The endowment was established in 2005 by her colleagues after her death. The scholarship is for undergraduate Food Science students interested in the fields of food processing and preservation and/or food safety

Lagunitas Foundation Award

This award was endowed in 2014 with a gift from the Lagunitas Brewing Company. It was the first student support fund associated with the malting and brewing program at UC Davis and is available to undergraduate or graduate students in food science. The awardee is selected based on their academic excellence, interest in a brewing career and performance in the annual Iron Brew competition.

George Marsh Scholarship

Professor Marsh was one of the first faculty members in the Department. He was an authority on fruit and vegetable processing, and winemaking, and was a charter member of the Institute of Food Technologists. The endowment in his honor was established in 1994 by gifts from his daughters. The scholarship is to support undergraduates in Food Science and Technology.

Margrit Mondavi Scholarship/Fellowship

The Margrit Mondavi Scholarship and Fellowship Fund was made possible by a generous donation in 2017 from the late philanthropist Margrit Mondavi. Mrs. Mondavi and her husband, Robert, were wine industry pioneers and benefactors who created the Robert Mondavi Institute for Wine and Food Science at UC Davis. The scholarships/ fellowships are designated to benefit graduate or undergraduate students in the departments associated with the Robert Mondavi Institute: Food Science and Technology and Viticulture and Enology.

Nate Mlyniec Memorial Scholarship

When establishing this memorial scholarship together with friends and family, Vicky and Paul Mlyniec shared, "We are grateful that our son was accepted to UC Davis. Nate's life was cut short when he died in a car accident on August 10, 2007. We wish to honor his memory and his excitement about attending UC Davis as a food science major, where he could combine his love of chemistry and cooking." Today the Nate Mlyniec Memorial Scholarship is available to support current food science students.

NCIFT Cruess Scholarship

This award was established by the Northern California Institute of Food Technologists in honor of late Professor of Food Science and Technology, William Vere Cruess, through a trust fund established by Marie Cruess. Professor Cruess was a pioneer in the production of fruit juice beverages, concentrates, and syrups. This award selection process is managed by the NCIFT on behalf of UC Davis.

Pangborn Memorial Award

This award endowment was established in 2019 to honor Professor Rose Marie Pangborn, a sensory scientist in the Experiment Station from 1955 until her death in 1990. She is remembered as a caring teacher and pioneer in the field of sensory science. The endowment was created by a gift from one of Dr. Pangborn's former students, Joel Franklin, and his wife, Marilyn. The Pangborn Memorial award is for an outstanding undergraduate or graduate student in Food Science.

David D. Peebles Scholarship Fund

In 1957 James R. Bancroft created the David D. Peebles Scholarship Fund as a birthday surprise for his friend David Peebles. The scholarship recognizes Mr. Peebles's "many outstanding contributions to the food industry and also in appreciation of the warm and human personal qualities which accompany his scientific genius." Today, the scholarship is available to students studying food science, agricultural engineering and/or poultry husbandry.

R. M. Pinkerton Agricultural Marketing Graduate Award

This award was established in 2008 by family, colleagues and friends, to honor the legacy of Ralph Pinkerton, Founding President of the California Avocado Commission, a marketing genius who brought California avocados to national prominence through nutritional awareness, cobranding, mass advertising, and other pioneering marketing strategies. The scholarship is available to undergraduates in the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences studying fields related to agricultural marketing.

Cecil F. and Martha C. Pinney Trust Award

In 2007 UC Davis received a gift from the Cecil F. and Martha C. Pinney Trust to establish an endowed scholarship for the Food Tech Club in the names of the late Cecil and Martha Pinney. The club elected to grant this award to active members who also achieve academic excellence.

Sherman Leonard Memorial Student Fund

Sherman Leonard was a food technologist in the department from 1951-1982. He devoted his life work to preserving perishable foods, improving their availability and quality. In 1985 friends and family endowed this award for graduate or undergraduate food science students with preference given to students interested in the processing of fruits and vegetables.

Bernard S. and Alta G. Schweigert Award

Bernard Schweigert joined the faculty of the Department of Food Science and Technology and served as Department Chair from 1970 to 1988. Dr. Schweigert was instrumental in establishing the Department's PhD program, was a pioneer in the study of irradiation to preserve the nutritive value of foods, and was noted for his efforts to improve the quality of the world food supply. Colleagues of Dr. Schweigert established this scholarship in conjunction with a symposium to mark the conclusion of his service as Chairperson and in memory of his wife, Alta. Dr. Schweigert passed away in 1989. The scholarship is for students majoring in Food Science. The Scholarship recognizes students who have shown leadership in addition to academic achievement.

George Stewart Memorial Award

This endowment was established in 1985 by Grace Stewart in honor of her late husband Dr. George Stewart who was a faculty member from 1951 to 1975. He began in the Department of Avian Sciences and then served as chair of the Department of Food Science and Technology. He was named Director of the Food Protection and Toxicology Center and became chair of the new Department of Environmental Toxicology before returning to Food Science. Dr. Stewart's research related primarily to the processing and preservation of poultry and eggs and he authored more than 75 papers and co-authored the textbook Introduction to Food Technology. The Stewart Memorial Award is for undergraduate or graduate students in food science.