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IFPTI Seeking Fellowship for Food Protection Applications

The International Food Protection Training Institute (IFPTI) is accepting applications through **May 15, 2016**, for Cohort VI of the Fellowship in Food Protection program, which will run from July 2016 through June 2017.

The Fellowship for Food Protection is a year-long program that provides food protection professionals with the knowledge, skills, and abilities to advance their careers, contribute to the food safety body of knowledge, and help facilitate the integrated food safety system in the U.S.

Cohort VI will include a series of interactive seminars delivered by leading food protection subject matter experts (SMEs) over the course of three week-long sessions held at the IFPTI headquarters in Battle Creek, Michigan. The seminars will focus on Food Law and Compliance (Week 1), Policies and Strategies, and the Impact of Science (Week 2), and Food Systems Control Applications, and Prevention, Intervention, and Response (Week 3). All travel, lodging, and meal expenses associated with the three week-long sessions will be covered.

Cohort VI participants will also design and conduct an original research project on a current food protection or regulatory issue, write a paper on their research that will be published in an Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO) journal, and present their research at the 2017 AFDO Annual Educational Conference in Houston, TX.

Since completing the Fellowship program, members of the first five Cohorts have assumed increased leadership roles in professional associations or work-related committees, have been given a new job title or promotion, have presented at conferences and workshops, and have assumed greater responsibilities at work.

The Fellowship is open to U.S. government agency employees (federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial) with a minimum of 4 years of experience performing food protection regulatory functions, and who have completed the FDA ORAU Level 1 retail or manufactured foods curriculum.

For more information on the Fellowship in Food Protection [view this one-page flyer](#). The application materials are available online at <http://www.ifpti.org/fellowship>.