Upcycled Food Foundation (UFF) Research Fellowship Program

The Upcycled Food Foundation (UFF) will select up to 8 fellows to participate in the UFF Research Fellows program. Fellows will be selected by an ad hoc committee of three UFA/UFF board members.

**Expectation of Fellows:** UFF Research Fellows will be asked to conduct a **minimum of one study annually** that reflects a research question of interest to the upcycled food community. Research findings or summaries will live in the UFA Membership portal, accessible to UFA Membership. Fellows will share research in a keynote presentation to membership and provide a research abstract with key findings suitable for sharing with UFA Members and the general public. The UFA/UFF board or staff will not shape research design or outcomes in any way, however specific research areas have been identified below in line with stated UFA Member needs. Research sponsorship must be disclosed by researchers consistent with the ethics policies of their home institutions and publications.

**Who is Eligible?**
- Academic Researchers
- Undergraduate and Graduate students through professors
- Researchers from outside academia
- Independent scholars

*Current UFA/UFF Board Members and Staff are ineligible to apply. Researchers doing applied research for the benefit of a specific company or brand will be ineligible to apply. Every effort will be made to recruit scholars from underrepresented groups, consistent with the DEI statement of the UFA.*

**Fellows will receive:**
1. A modest stipend of up to $1000 payable to them or their organization to offset research or presentation-related expenses
2. Access to UFA membership communications for the duration of the fellowship.
3. Recognition as UFF Research Fellows via website, newsletter, and social channels.
4. Keynote presentation of research to membership.
5. Promotion for speaking engagements with Industry requests.
6. Connection to UFA membership for potential industry-sponsored research
7. Access to funding, when available, for additional research, publication fees, or research-related expenses
8. Support for ongoing network of upcycled food researchers.

**Topics of Interest:** All topic areas related to the Upcycled Food Industry are eligible for this award. The following topic areas have been identified as critical needs by UFA Members:
- Consumer awareness/ perception of Upcycled Products
- Upcycled product market size (industry segment growth, ingredient use, etc…)
Environmental impact measurement of upcycled supply chains
Best practices in consumer messaging around upcycled products

Application Process and Timeline
• Applications open **October 19th, 2022.**
• Application submission by **November 27th, 2022**
• Selection Committee will review applications & select Research Fellows by **Dec 7th.**
• Selected Fellows will attend UFF Research Fellows Orientation in **January 2023.**
• Selected Fellows will attend an abstract hypothesis roundtable **March 2023.**
• Research presentations given during **Q3/ Q4 2023**
• Fellowship Program will run from **January - December 2023**

Submit your application at this link and send your CV/Resume to apply@upcycledfood.org.