

2015 IFMA Foundation Facility Management Student Programs

As the IFMA Foundation looks forward to 2015, we first want to thank the IFMA chapters, councils, organizations, individuals and companies that stepped up to support us in 2014. For a full list of donors, please see our Annual Report which was released last fall and is available on the foundation website at <http://foundation.ifma.org>.

These donors made possible the IFMA Foundation's efforts to support FM higher education, students studying FM and related fields, research critical to the future of the profession; and increasing the awareness of facility management among high school students.

While many of today's facility managers happened to find FM along their career paths, the increasing complexity of built environments and increased responsibilities expected of today's FM professionals demand that more of those entering the profession be equipped with a college education in FM.

The IFMA Foundation is proud to announce our FM student programs for 2015 – we encourage you to get involved and impact the future of the FM profession by supporting FM students.

FM Student Scholarships

Every year, the Foundation's scholarship sponsors make it possible to award about 40 FM students a total of US\$150,000 in scholarship funds along with fully paid travel to and participation in IFMA's World Workplace Conference and Expo. Scholarship sponsors come from around the world and include IFMA chapters, IFMA councils, FM solution providers and other FM organizations.

Complete details for sponsoring a scholarship are available on the Foundation's website at <http://foundation.ifma.org>. The Foundation's scholarship program is specifically designed to make it easy to find qualified students while eliminating the administrative and logistical tasks of offering scholarships. Foundation FM scholarships:

- Offer sponsors the opportunity to set the award criteria (i.e. Priority to students from local colleges and universities, students from the local area or region, students with specific interest in certain industries, etc.),
- Are a terrific opportunity to name a scholarship honoring long-time members or volunteers, leaders or employees and,
- Demonstrate support of the future of the FM profession on a global level.

International Student of the Year Competition

In an effort to recognize, honor and encourage excellence among FM students from around the world, the IFMA Foundation proudly presents the annual International Student of the Year competition. Students must be nominated for the award and the application submitted by the nominating/sponsoring entity. Students are judged on merit, not need, in these areas:

- Academic performance
- Achievements and accomplishments in FM activities, projects, work experience, exchange programs, internships, involvement with professional organizations, demonstrated leadership skills, etc.
- Understanding of FM
- Aspirations as a future FM professional
- International perspective and experience
- Letters of recommendation

ePoster Competition at World Workplace

In addition to offering scholarships and recognizing top scholars of the profession, students are invited to compete in a virtual academic poster competition each year. The competition culminates at World Workplace with the ePoster finalists presenting at the conference. The competition was reformatted in 2014 in an effort to be more inclusive of FM students from around the world, regardless of their ability to travel to the conference.

ePosters representing work in the field of facility management and the built environment are accepted in a voice-over MS Power Point format. Students can present recent FM projects, internship or cooperative projects (approval from sponsor organization is required) or FM related research work.

The ePoster competition, as with all of our student programs, needs volunteer assistance to reach out to local institutions with FM-related degree programs and communicate the FM student opportunities to students with the support and encouragement of local IFMA members.

We invite you to learn more about the FM student programs – the 2015 applications and more details are available online at <http://foundation.ifma.org>.

Contact us anytime and be a part of the IFMA Foundation's efforts to make FM a career of choice – your time and/or financial contributions will make a difference.

Foundation Mission:

Position facility management as a career of choice by promoting and supporting educational opportunities, related scholarships and research initiatives worldwide.

Foundation Purpose:

Foster FM workforce development by collaborating with higher education institutions worldwide on FM degree programs, FM student scholarships and FM research.

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