

# Endless Opportunities

## Scholarships

Last year Dairy Science awarded nearly \$140,000 to our incoming and current majors. Award amounts ranged from \$1000 to \$6,000. Applying for scholarships is made easy through a Common Scholarship Application that makes you eligible for university, college and departmental scholarships. Additionally, 32.3 percent of full-time freshmen received federal financial aid last year in the form of grants, loans and work study. You can contact [scholarships@cals.wisc.edu](mailto:scholarships@cals.wisc.edu) with any questions.

## Student Organizations

Badger Dairy Club is a large student organization on campus with over 125 members of various majors who all share a passion for the dairy industry. Joining a student organization such as BDC is a great way for you make a large state university feel like a small college because you have an instant peer group on campus. BDC creates opportunities for members to engage in activities and experiences within the college, community, and the ever-changing dairy industry. Highlights of the club's activities include an integral role in managing and working at World Dairy Expo, hosting the Badger Invitational Sale, volunteering at the Wisconsin 4-H Dairy Bowl and FFA Dairy Judging Contests, and club trips.



Badger Dairy Club at the 2016 World Dairy Expo.

## Hands-on Experiences

Our major requires an internship which allows you to gain hands-on experiences. Whether it is working in animal health, dairy nutrition, farm management, A.I., or sales and marketing you learn while gaining valuable work experience. A new and one-of-a-kind opportunity for our students is the Purina Dairy Nutrition Experience course. This provides students with a mentored, hands-on dairy management experience, networking opportunities with producers and industry professionals and increased awareness of career options within the field of dairy nutrition.



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# Competitive Excellence

## Dairy Challenge

UW-Madison is committed to its students receiving a “Dairy Challenge” experience. In fact, within the curriculum we have the Purina Nutrition Experience, Dairy Challenge Preparation and Dairy Herd Practicum courses where students are mentored on how to analyze a commercial farm and present their observations and management recommendations, honing skills that translate directly to this competition. Our students participate competitively at the Midwest and National North American Intercollegiate Dairy Challenge competitions. We even hold our own on-campus version, the Badger Dairy Challenge on an every other year basis. At last spring’s National Contest in Syracuse, NY, UW was one of the four teams awarded first place. We feel the ability of our students to excel in this competitive format speaks to the quality of their education. UW Dairy Science majors graduate with a sophisticated knowledge of the science of dairying, and they learn to communicate their expertise.



## Dairy Judging

UW-Madison’s dairy judging program has a tradition of success that continues today. At the National Intercollegiate Dairy Cattle Judging Contest UW has won the contest 9 times since 1985. Since 1980 we have been in the top 5 placing teams in all but 2 contests. In 2016 we finished second, just two points out of first place and we boasted the high individual in Sara Harn. The coaches of the team are Brian Kelroy and Chad Wethal, both alums that are highly regarded for their “cow ability” and talent to teach students about functional type and presenting winning oral reasons. Their previous experience working as breed classifiers is unique among collegiate coaches.

The judging team normally numbers about 20 students with each of them guaranteed a contest to compete in. In fact, a majority of team members will participate in three or four contests over their collegiate judging career. The dairy judging team competes in the fall and we have sent teams to these contests: Accelerated Genetics (WI), The Pennsylvania All-American (PA), Eastern States Exposition (MA), The North American (KY), The Fort Worth Stock Show (TX) and World Dairy Expo.