

Is something missing
from your career?



Who Are Members of IFT?

IFT members are individuals like you. They are committed to their profession, and they understand that as members of this profession, they play a critical role in contributing to improving the health and wellbeing of people around the world through the work that they do every day.

Members come from all areas of the food profession. Many are food scientists, chemists, microbiologists, or research and development professionals. Others are involved in quality control or quality assurance, regulatory affairs, academic research, or teaching. Still others perform brand management, marketing, technical sales, or executive management functions. In IFT, they've found *the* organization for all of the many disciplines within the food industry.

Why Do They Join?

What these food professionals share is dedication to their chosen field, as well as the desire to expand their knowledge base while contributing to a larger mission that benefits people well beyond the profession. They've found that IFT, and its community of food professionals, can help them more effectively meet both their personal and professional goals.

“IFT is the ultimate network linking food scientists from industry, government, and academia. It is a community of professionals who share the common focus of food and the enrichment that comes from the many varied experiences of members in the field.”

– Sheri Schellhaass, General Mills

THE Essential Resource for Food Professionals

Smart professionals like you tap into the unique opportunities provided by membership in IFT. Members join IFT to help them evaluate what's happening in the industry, to establish and expand their professional relationships, to enhance their careers through continuing education, and to gain access to individuals involved in all of the many disciplines associated with food.

Each year...



105,000+
new food
products are
introduced



30,000+
new pieces
of food-related
research are
published

1.5+
million people
enter or leave
the food
profession

How do you stay on top of all these changes?

Join IFT and you can:

Connect with the people you want to know

- Tap into the expertise and insights of leading food professionals through the IFT online Membership Directory
- Expand and enhance your business by participating in IFT events like the IFT Food Expo®
- Find or develop subject-specific expertise with IFT special interest Divisions
- Extend your local professional network through IFT local and regional Sections
- Identify new opportunities for your organization by exchanging information with your peers
- Meet people who share your interests at IFT meetings, courses, and social events

“My IFT membership not only helps me stay connected to technologies and trends, but also other professionals in the food industry. IFT is also a great environment to strengthen leadership skills that will help you excel in your career.”

– Linda S. Perucca, Kraft Inc.

Access the information you need

- Learn about the latest scientific advancements, industry news, and regulations and public policy changes through *Food Technology* magazine, the IFT Weekly Newsletter, and ift.org
- Explore new peer-reviewed research in the *Journal of Food Science*
- Gain a more thorough understanding of critical food-related issues in IFT Scientific Status Summaries and IFT Expert Reports
- Get a first-hand view of the best in new science, ingredients, and consumer trends information at the IFT Annual Meeting & Food ExpoSM

Give back to your professional community

- Volunteer
- Share the wonders of food science with young people
- Help ensure the public receives sound scientific information
- Contribute to the IFT Foundation and support the future of food science
- Advance understanding of the profession and the applications of food science through advocacy and communication efforts

“I owe IFT my graduate studies, career mentors, and a considerable industry professional network. Combined, these have and I’m sure will continue to prove extremely beneficial to my food science career.”

– Dante M. Vargas, The Ohio State University

Build the food industry career you deserve

- Expand your expertise through continuing education programs from IFT’s Knowledge & Learning Center
- Use industry-specific services such as IFT’s Career Center and Employment Bureau
- Capitalize on opportunities to build your leadership skills
- Earn accolades through IFT’s Achievement Awards and other peer recognition programs
- Take advantage of programs designed especially for students and new professionals

“I got my present job from contacts made through members of IFT.”

– Lisa Sanders, Flavor Systems International, Inc.

Join IFT!

Joining IFT is easy!
Just go to ift.org/membership

Complete the online application or download a membership application PDF and return it by mail, and you can begin taking advantage of the benefits of membership in IFT.

Questions? Call us at IFT Central: **312.782.8424**
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About IFT

The Institute of Food Technologists (IFT) is a community of food professionals from across the globe who have come together to advance the science of food. Their objective is to contribute to the health and well-being of people everywhere by ensuring a safe and abundant food supply.

As the world's premiere food science and technology organization, IFT brings together 22,000 professionals working in all disciplines of the food industry, encouraging the exchange of information, providing both formal and informal educational opportunities, and furthering the advancement of the profession. At the global level, IFT serves as the voice of food science and technology, advocating science-based perspectives on food-related issues. IFT also contributes to public policy discussions at the national, state, and local levels.

Our Mission

IFT exists to advance the science of food. Our long-range vision is to ensure a safe and abundant food supply contributing to healthier people everywhere.

Our Commitment

We strive to provide an inclusive and welcoming community for all food science and technology professionals, and the knowledge and tools they need to enhance their professional capacity and competency.

