

IFTSA Board of Directors Guide

Time Commitment

Being a member of the IFTSA Board of Directors requires a commitment of time, talent, and expertise. It is critical that those interested in serving on the Board have support from their university regarding the commitment required.

By becoming a member of the IFTSA Board of Directors, you commit to prepare for, attend, and actively participate in Board meetings and IFT FIRST: Annual Event and Expo.

- Virtual orientation prior to start of term
- In-Person Meetings
 - IFTSA Mid-Year Meeting - November
 - IFT FIRST: Annual Event and Expo - July 12-15, 2026 and July 11-14, 2027
- Monthly virtual board meetings
- Monthly call with IFT staff
- Additional calls may be scheduled as needed

Terms

Board members serve a one-year term aligned with IFT's fiscal year, September 1 - August 31.

Those selected as a member of the Office of the President have a three-year commitment.

- Year one as President-Elect
- Year two as President
- Year three as Immediate Past President

Expectations

- Uphold IFTSA's mission to support and elevate food science students globally.
- Represent IFTSA and IFT positively in all interactions.
- Follow through on assigned tasks and deliverables.
- Work effectively with fellow student leaders, advisors, and IFT staff.
- Balance academic commitments with leadership responsibilities.

IFTSA Mission, Vision, and Promises

Mission - To enrich the academic experience and empower students to thrive individually and together

Vision - A global community of inspired and informed students who are prepared for the future of their choosing

Prepare the Future and Celebrate the Community



Develop exceptional emerging professionals by providing opportunities beyond the classroom and lab



Include and promote varied perspectives and experiences to foster a culture of belonging



Grow student networks to facilitate meaningful connections



Excite members through experiences available only with the student association



Advance students' professional aptitude to enable success in their careers



Support and recognize dedicated individuals in the science of food