Agri-Food Policy and Trade Fora

The Institute for Advanced Study of Food and Agricultural Policy (IASFAP) is seeking $500,000 to create a regular forum where thought leaders could exchange ideas and insights on pressing agri-food policy and trade issues in Ontario.

Impact Statement:

Canada is facing major issues in the food and agriculture space. New and re-negotiated trade agreements, commodity market volatility, climate change, and the coming fourth-revolution in agriculture, all create uncertainty with respect to policy action by governments. With a resource rich, export oriented agri-food sector, issues such as these, both at home and aboard, will figure largely in Canada's agricultural future.

These fora will provide a venue for discussion that will continue to drive positive change in the agriculture sector.

Goals:

These thought leaders' fora will shine a light on contemporary agri-food industry issues, and will provide an evidence-based means by which the university will contribute to advancing the dialogue around food, agriculture and resource issues in Ontario.

Funds raised will go towards supporting a 10-year period of these forums ($50,000 per year) that would:

- Bring together the top minds and policy makers in the agri-food industry
- Enable the university to play a pivotal role in connecting communities and catalyzing discovery and change
- Reinforce Guelph's role as Canada's Food University by providing a unique opportunity for engagement in issues of public concern

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