

2018 School of Packaging PhD Fellowship Announcement

The School of Packaging at Michigan State University East Lansing, MI is offering a PhD recruiting fellowship for a student intending to pursue a doctoral degree in packaging. The School of Packaging PhD Fellowship is a competitive, merit-based award that provides opportunities for US citizens and/or permanent residents to undertake study, research and professional development in Packaging. The SoP fellowship covers tuition and fees, health insurance, and an additional stipend for living expenses for the first year. Financial support for subsequent years is anticipated, contingent on successful performance.

Applicants must have - or be about to obtain - a thesis Master's degree or equivalent in a science or engineering field. Applicants should show a strong interest in science and research as related to packaging. They should also be willing to engage enthusiastically in multi-disciplinary research and projects.

The Michigan State University School of Packaging (SoP), founded in 1952, is the world's first and the foremost educational entity in the field of packaging. The *mission* of the School of Packaging at Michigan State University is to educate packaging professionals and to create innovative solutions that *enhance or maintain product quality, increase efficiency and reduce waste*. In doing so, we contribute to the economic development and quality of life of citizens within the State of Michigan and across the world through highly relevant educational experiences and cutting edge research.

The graduate student population at the SoP is characterized by diversity. There is a substantial representation of international students from a variety of countries in Asia, Europe, Africa, and the Americas. Many students, both international and domestic, have completed undergraduate degrees in a discipline other than packaging. Engineering and science-related degrees are most prevalent, but business degrees are not uncommon, and other degrees have included printing technology, product design, and many more. Special courses are provided for graduate students without packaging B.S. degrees to acquire the core undergraduate-level knowledge of packaging.

Graduates of the MSU School of Packaging are sought after by employers in the United States and internationally. Facilities and instrumentation are available for advanced study and research in the following areas:

- *Food, Health and Biomedical Packaging,*
- *Packaging Materials and Sustainability, and*
- *Packaging Distribution and Value Chain*

For further information about the SoP and the PhD program, consult the following link:
http://www.packaging.msu.edu/education/degrees_in_packaging/ph.d_degree_program

Students wishing to be considered for the SoP fellowship must complete their application to MSU and to the packaging PhD program no later than January 5, 2018. For additional information contact Dr. Maria Rubino, E: mariar@msu.edu

MSU welcomes applicants who will contribute to a diverse educational community.