

2022 PURDUE ANIMAL SCIENCES AMBASSADORS APPLICATION

PURPOSE. The Purdue Animal Sciences (ANSC) Ambassadors are selected student representatives and highly-valued members of the outreach, departmental, and alumni relations leadership team of Purdue Animal Sciences. ANSC Ambassadors represent Purdue Animal Sciences by communicating with potential students, alumni, employers, faculty, and the public to promote goodwill within and for the department and university.

ACTIVITIES. ANSC Ambassadors are directly involved in outreach, education, and alumni relations. Serving as an ANSC Ambassador requires a significant commitment of effort and time to make Ambassador events and activities as effective as possible. ANSC Ambassadors design and deliver many of their events, but also represent the department on numerous other occasions, e.g., prospective student events, extension events, and departmental visitor events.

CRITERIA. Applicants must be full-time students with a major in the Department of Animal Sciences, have completed a minimum of 24 credit hours by the end of the current semester (Spring 2022), be in good academic standing, and have at least two semesters of undergraduate study remaining.

Application packets must include:

1. **A one-page cover letter** explaining why you want to be an ANSC Ambassador, what you will contribute to the mission of Purdue Animal Sciences, and how you will manage your time for this commitment.

(please include responses for all three prompts)

2. **Writing Prompt #1:** You receive an email from a prospective high school student, Sydney, who you met during an Animal Sciences Preview Day. Sydney is unsure whether a degree in Animal Sciences will offer them any strong options upon graduation, especially if they do not attend veterinary school. Please draft an appropriate email response to the student.

3. **Writing Prompt #2:** Think of a time you felt out of place. ANSC students come from all places and backgrounds. What initiatives would you as an Ambassador create or facilitate to help international, non-traditional, or underrepresented students feel more welcomed into the ANSC department (no less than 150 words).

4. **Writing Prompt #3:** You are in a committee that is having trouble working together. You have a deadline approaching and these conflicts, if they remained unsettled, will make your committee miss an important deadline. How would you approach the situation to ensure your committee is successful? (no less than 150 words).

4. **Two reference letters:** One letter must be from a Purdue faculty or staff person. Purdue staff members must be involved in teaching, research, Extension, or advising. The other letter can be from any non-relative who you feel is qualified to gauge your potential for success (e.g., former teacher, employer, etc.). In each case, strong letters usually address leadership capacity, commitment, and ability to work with diverse groups, among other attributes. Please have your reference letters sent via email to Dr. Paul Ebner, pebner@purdue.edu.

5. **A resume** highlighting your relevant skills and experiences.

Your packet (items listed above) must be received by Dr. Paul Ebner via email (pebner@purdue.edu) by March 11th at 5:00 PM. Applicants should include the names of their references in the application cover letter. The Screening Committee will review application packets and select applicants for an interview. Note that the Committee seeks applicants who work hard with a positive attitude, communicate well, respect differences, and think critically, with a clear motivation to promote Purdue Animal Sciences. Ambassadors are expected to lead, but also collaborate and be supportive of the entire group's efforts. ***Importantly, ANSC Ambassadors must always be inclusive of both people and ideas.***

TERM. Selected ANSC Ambassadors will begin their service with the Animal Sciences Ambassador Orientation Workshop in Fall of 2022. The success of the group is dependent upon everyone's engagement in not only developing, but also implementing effective programs. Thus, it is important to note that the group has an attendance policy for both meetings and events. Likewise, ANSC Ambassadors must remain ANSC students in good academic standing.

SCHEDULE.

March 11: Application packet due (email: pebner@purdue.edu) by 5:00 PM
April 1: Applicants notified of interviews
April 13: Applicants interviewed, new Ambassadors selected
April 15: Selectees notified

Have questions? Please contact Paul Ebner, Professor and ANSC Ambassador Advisor, at any time: 765-494-4820; pebner@purdue.edu

2022-2023 ANSC Ambassador Activities

All Animal Sciences Ambassadors are expected to use their leadership and interpersonal skills to "promote and serve Purdue Animal Sciences" with enthusiasm and commitment. Every ANSC Ambassador is expected to be an active member of the ANSC Ambassador Team, support one another, and participate in all activities. The group meets bi-weekly to share ideas and develop the most high-impact activities possible. All ANSC Ambassadors are required to attend the Fall Orientation Workshop. While each ANSC Ambassador serves on one committee, all ANSC Ambassadors are expected to contribute in the design, planning, and implementation of different activities. There are currently five committees:

1. PREVIEW DAYS COMMITTEE

The Preview Days Committee works throughout the year with prospective Purdue Animal Sciences students. Their signature events are the Preview Days where high school students and their families are invited for a day-on-campus (four events each spring) to learn about the different opportunities Purdue Animal Sciences has to offer. Throughout the year they continue to interact with not only students, but other campus visitors as well.

2. DEVELOPMENT AND EXTERNAL ENGAGEMENT (DEVENG) COMMITTEE

The Development and External Engagement Committee develops programs and events geared towards individuals and groups outside of the Department of Animal Sciences. They oversee departmental visits and tours, connect with alumni, and represent the department in a variety of

off-campus events, among numerous other activities. This committee also works with all other committees to assess the impact of Ambassador events in an effort to make those events stronger and more effective. This committee is also charged with working with ANSC stakeholders and identifying sources of support and funding for all Ambassador programs.

3. DEPARTMENTAL RELATIONS (DR) COMMITTEE

The Departmental Relations Committee is largely responsible for organizing events that allow students and faculty opportunities to interact in less formal environments. Examples of such events include the Fall Festival and the End-of-the-Year Faculty Luncheon. Through these and other events, students learn about different research and Extension opportunities and how to get directly involved in high-impact programs.

4. DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION (DEI) COMMITTEE

The Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee works with students, staff, and faculty to ensure that the Purdue Animal Sciences community and the opportunities available through our department and college are open and promoted to everyone. This committee delivers education/engagement programs, social events, and many more activities aimed at creating an environment where all our students succeed.

5. BOILER BARNYARD COMMITTEE

The Boiler Barnyard is an annual event during Purdue SpringFest where over 30,000 participants visit Purdue's campus to learn about agriculture and beyond. The Boiler Barnyard takes place in the Purina Pavilion and showcases livestock and poultry (live animals) and animal science-related student clubs. Throughout the event, Ambassadors conduct education programs with the animals on food animal production with audiences that may have very little experience with food production.