

Call for Applications: NAPB Graduate Student Representative for Congressional Visits Day 2026

The **National Association of Plant Breeders (NAPB)** invites graduate students to apply to represent NAPB at the **2026 Congressional Visits Day (CVD)**, organized by the **Tri-Societies**—the Crop Science Society of America (CSSA), American Society of Agronomy (ASA), and Soil Science Society of America (SSSA).



Location: Washington, D.C.



Dates: February 24–25, 2026

The CVD provides an exceptional opportunity for students to engage directly with policymakers, learn how science informs federal decision-making, and advocate for agricultural research. Participants will meet with Congressional staff, members of Congress, and peers from across the country. Past attendees have described it as a highly educational and inspiring experience.

The **travel and per diem expenses** of the selected NAPB graduate student representative(s) will be **fully covered by NAPB**.

Application Details



Deadline: November 15, 2025

Applicants should submit:

- A **short CV**, and
- A **one-page letter of interest** (single-spaced) describing their motivation and suitability for participation. The letter must include a **signature of support from the applicant's advisor**.

All materials should be submitted via email to:



Dr. Zihao Zheng, Chair, NAPB Advocacy Committee
advocacy@plantbreeding.org

Applications will be reviewed by the NAPB Advocacy Committee.

Learn More

For additional information, please refer to the event overview and participant accounts from previous years:



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