The Division of Nutritional Sciences (DNS) is a highly respected interdisciplinary program that provides comprehensive and progressive graduate education in nutrition and serves as a catalyst for interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary nutrition research on the UIUC campus.

A cornerstone of Division of Nutritional Sciences student success is the continuous exposure to insightful experiences with expert professionals, such as the Frontiers in Nutritional Sciences seminar series hosted by DNS every semester. The program helps prepare students for positions in academia, industry, government, and non-government organizations.

OPPORTUNITY:

Each week, high-profile researchers are invited to visit the University of Illinois campus as guest speakers for the Frontiers in Nutritional Sciences seminar. Professionals provide expert testimonies on a wide variety of nutrition related topics. These speakers also spend time networking with faculty and students outside of the seminar, helping to foster new research collaborations.

RESOURCES REQUIRED:

The Frontiers in Nutritional Sciences seminar series is a vital resource for DNS students and faculty. Private support is needed to defray travel costs for the seminar speakers and other administrative expenses. The Division’s goal is to have sustainable funds to independently fund this valuable learning experience. Approximately 10 opportunities for the seminar series occur each academic year. Each weekly seminar costs $800-$1,500.

“The unique interdisciplinary structure of the seminar series significantly expanded the breadth of my knowledge and fostered my ability to cultivate new research ideas, which has provided a solid foundation for my current role as a postdoctoral research fellow.”

—TZU-WEN CROSS, Ph.D. alumnus of DNS