



Southeast Asia Field Research Scholarship

Chef Robert Danhi, a teacher, award-winning author, and TV show host, has been a member of the Research Chefs Association for over 20 years. This has played a formative role in shaping his career as a chef, researcher, educator, and author. This scholarship encourages and enables the next generation of food & beverage professionals to step out beyond the classroom and into the world to explore and learn. The scholarship supports immersive, hands-on field research in Southeast Asia, where students can experience food cultures firsthand and develop new ways of thinking about flavor, food systems, innovation, and cultural context.

This opportunity was created to give back to the new wave of young minds coming into the community that helped feed his curiosity, challenge his thinking, provide a platform to teach, nourish his life's work, make lifelong friends, and support his professional growth. When students travel, they expand their knowledge of the world around them, discover more about themselves, grow more confident and independent, and understand new people, places, and cultures. And when an educator leads the experience, they grow in countless ways, bringing back a new perspective to their own classroom.

Scholarship Winners Will Receive:

- A scholarship to design and lead a one-week field immersion in Southeast Asia, choosing one country from Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, or Vietnam.
- Full registration to attend and present at the [2027 Research Chefs Association Annual Conference and Culinology Expo](#) in Dallas, TX., March 23-25, 2027.
- One of a kind, mentored, interactive field research experience where the recipient will collaborate with Chef Danhi to produce a written summary and short video highlighting key insights, to be shared with the RCA community and the broader food and beverage industry.
- Additional exposure, including but not limited to, a one-hour virtual presentation to RCA members and recognition through RCA and CSF social media channels.
- The opportunity to apply to present their work during a one-hour breakout session during the 2027 Annual RCA Conference
- Luncheon ticket for the Annual Awards Luncheon where the recipient will be recognized.

Eligibility:

This scholarship will be awarded to a student pursuing an associate, bachelor's, master's, or PhD degree in the field of Culinology, culinary, food science, food studies, food product development or related field who demonstrates academic promise, compassion, and a commitment to continuous learning —the very qualities that continue to define Chef Robert Danhi's remarkable life and career.

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Must be 18 or older.
- Be enrolled full-time in an associate, bachelor's, master's, or PhD program in Culinology, culinary arts, food science, food studies, food product development, or a related field.
- Be a current Student Member of the Research Chefs Association in good standing. Join here: www.culinology.org
- Maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher, during application and throughout the experience.
- Valid US Passport (valid for at least 6 months at time of travel)

Applications Deadline: July 1, 2026

Applicants Notified: July 31st, 2026

Travel Completed by: January 31st, 2027

Travel Window: Sept 2026 - January 2027

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