



CSIFT Scholarship Funds Support U of I Teaching Assistant

Students at the University of Illinois have been refining their R&D skills in their capstone course, Product Development, with the help of Teaching Assistant Candice Mazewski. Candice is a first year Masters student at U of I and was one of three Product Development Teaching Assistants under Professor Dr. Dawn Bohn.

The Chicago Section was vital in helping Candice pursue her graduate degree, by providing the funding for the Teaching Assistantship. This funding has enabled Candice to solely focus on her research and classwork at the University. Teaching Assistantships provide more than just funding, they create opportunities for graduate students to develop as teachers and leaders in our field.

“Being a TA this semester has been a very rewarding experience. I’ve learned a lot from my professor and also from my students,” remarks Candice.



Candice Mazewski (far left) with a group of students at the University of Illinois Product Development Final, December 15, 2015.

Moreover, the students have learned a lot from Candice! Through a class competition, some of Candice’s students placed first among eleven teams in the class! Even more rewarding than any trophy, Candice has shaped students into more innovative and skilled scientists.

When asked about what her students learned, Candice responded, *“I hope that my students learned that you need to take a holistic approach when developing a food product. There are so many aspects they learned about, but understanding how they all interact and looking at the big picture is very important and will help them in their future endeavors.”*

Big thanks to the Chicago Section for creating and funding opportunities such as Teaching Assistantships, which develop and grow the field of food science right here in Illinois.