

JOIN THE RCA COMMUNITY

Come Together

Each and every RCA event presents the opportunity to develop as a career professional and network with peers. Educational sessions, RCA's Annual Conference, and regional events all foster beneficial relationships with peers, colleagues, friends, and future mentors.

Whether members are sourcing ingredients, tasting new products, sharing ideas, exchanging business cards, or reminiscing with past colleagues, there are many opportunities to interact and do business with today's most influential research chefs and food product development professionals.

WHO JOINS RCA?

Chefs

Research chefs, corporate executive chefs, independent chefs, pastry chefs, hotel chefs, R&D and test kitchen chefs, product development chefs, innovation directors, food & beverage directors, caterers, manufacturers, consultants

Food Science Professionals

Food scientists, technologists, research specialists, chemists, consultants, flavorists, manufacturers, directors of operations, lab technicians, product development managers, nutritionists, dietitians

Educators & Students

Deans, administrators, professors, instructors, and students of culinary arts, food science, and Culinology® programs

Business Professionals

Sales, marketing, and distribution professionals

Media

Publishers, editors, authors, researchers, public relations professionals

MEMBERSHIP

Become a Member

RCA is a professional organization, a valuable resource, and a vibrant community of food product development industry leaders.

Apply for Membership

Applying online is simple and secure. Log on to www.culinology.org and follow the links to apply for RCA membership.

Get Involved

- RCA Committees
- Networking
- Continuing Education
- Degree Programs
- Professional Certification
- Publications
- Regional Events
- Sponsorship
- Annual Conference & Culinology® Expo



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RESEARCH CHEFS ASSOCIATION



Innovation

Education

Partnership

Knowledge

CULINOLOGY®





DEFINING THE FUTURE OF FOOD®

The Research Chefs Association

Founded in 1996 by a group of research chefs dedicated to overcoming challenges facing the food product development professional, the Research Chefs Association (RCA) has rapidly grown to approximately 2,500 members. RCA has become the premier source of culinary and technical information for the food industry, with a professionally diverse membership including chefs, food scientists, and other industry professionals who are shaping the future of food research and development.

RCA is a forward-thinking, vibrant, energized organization whose members benefit by being part of a dynamic community of food professionals who work toward a common goal: bringing excellence to food product development.

Our Mission

RCA is committed to Defining the Future of Food® through Culinology® and the development of its practitioners.

What is Culinology®?

RCA members are the pioneers of the discipline of Culinology - the blending of culinary arts and the science of food. Culinology, a registered trademark of the RCA, is a fast-growing discipline that has evolved from the valuable partnership between the culinarians and scientists who develop today's finest food products.

ENJOY THE BENEFITS OF RCA MEMBERSHIP

ADVANCE your career

ACCESS cutting edge information

NETWORK with peers

COLLABORATE with industry leaders

SHARE your expertise

INFLUENCE the marketplace

CONTINUE your education

RECEIVE the recognition you deserve

COMMIT to integrity, professionalism, and success

DISCOVER Culinology®

RCA members are better prepared to meet the demands of the food industry through an innovative, creative, intelligent approach to food product development.



The Research Chefs Foundation provides financial assistance in the form of scholarships to qualified students and professionals pursuing higher learning and continuing education in Culinology®, culinary arts, and food science. As an independent tax exempt corporation, the Foundation supports RCA's mission to develop tomorrow's leaders in food product development.

Continuing Education

Education is key to RCA's vision, which is why we offer an extensive program of continuing education workshops that cater to both the culinary professional and the food technologist.

Degree Programs

RCA is teaching tomorrow's industry professionals about the innovative discipline of Culinology, offering students the opportunity to formally study both culinary arts and food science through RCA-approved degree programs across the United States.

Career Advancement

Members achieve results with RCA. Job and internship opportunities are available on our website, www.culinology.org, and many of our educational events focus on providing valuable professional skills.

RCA Certification

Certified Research Chef (CRC) and Certified Culinary Scientist (CCS) are unique credentials that spotlight industry expertise and a commitment to professionalism.

Publications and Resources

Members have exclusive access to RCA online resources, such as the complete membership directory and the RCA listserve. Members also receive our quarterly newsletter, *Culinology Currents*®, and RCA's official magazine, *CULINOLOGY*®.

RCA Regional Events

RCA members meet regionally throughout the year to stimulate professional networking, educational opportunities, and industry camaraderie.

Annual Conference & Culinology® Expo

Each spring members convene for RCA's Conference and Culinology Expo, to reconnect with colleagues and recharge their appetites for food product innovation.