



International Collegiate Agricultural Leadership (I-CAL) Program

VISION STATEMENT

To provide opportunities for collegiate agriculture students to learn about how the global marketplace affects American agriculture.

OVERVIEW

I-CAL is designed for students to learn more about international grain marketing, global agriculture and acquire a unique cultural experience.

OBJECTIVES:

- Create awareness regarding markets for international grains and grain products
- Develop a specific awareness of the U.S. Grains Council and its function and role in the U.S. grain industry
- Understand current international trade and cultural issues
- Apply newfound knowledge to future career and education
- Discover careers in international agriculture and marketing

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

The cost of the program varies from year to year; on average the total cost of the program is \$5,500 per student. On average, students are required to only pay \$2,000-\$2,300 to take part in the program.

HOW LONG DOES THE PROGRAM LAST?

Involvement in the program runs throughout the year; however the international experience is 12- 14 days during the later part of May.

HOW DOES THE SELECTION PROCESS WORK?

Students must fill out an application, found on www.ffa.org/collegiate. Applications must be postmarked by February 17, 2009. Interviews may be conducted the first part of March, with final selections being made the middle of March.



The I-CAL program is uniquely designed to give college students the opportunity to experience international agriculture first hand. The location of the program changes from year to year, previous countries include Spain, Morocco, and Egypt. While overseas, students have been able to experience numerous different areas of the agricultural industry including:

- wheat and corn farms
- dairy buffalo, goat, beef cattle, dairy cattle operations
- open air grain, meat and animal markets
- fruit/vegetable production farms
- olive oil manufacturing units
- wine vineyards
- feed mills
- grain inspection facilities
- university agricultural department – faculty and staff



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