



Enliven your sense of adventure!



Working in the United States

Many of us have watched American shows and thought wouldn't it be epic to experience that first hand well the Agricultural internship program gives you an opportunity of making that dream come to life. Bear in mind that the Kardashian's life is not what you will experience!



Program overview

We specialize in placing qualified Agricultural students and graduates with host farms where one gets remunerated as well as housing and receives exceptional on the job training which will build your career experience and professional skills.

The program gives Agricultural students and graduates an opportunity to enhance your knowledge and skills through a structured and guided work based training by providing exposure to American techniques, methodologies, standards of service and management style.

The program will include step by step assistance throughout the whole process from interview guidance to completing the necessary paperwork to obtaining a J1 visa once hired as well as assistance with flights, travel insurance, as well as an opportunity to meet other adventurous travelers at orientation.



Types of farm placements

Agriculture

Broad-acre dry land crops (wheat, barley, canola, lupins, oats or peas), some irrigated cropping, dairy, sheep, pigs, cattle, horses, tractors and machinery, motorbikes, mechanics, welding, irrigation, fencing, maintenance, ground clearing, gardening, tools and small machinery.

Horticulture

Nursery, cut flowers, fruit orchard, vegetables and tropical fruit.

Equine

Breeding studs and station placements.

Aquaculture

Farming of aquatic organisms such as fish, crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic plants.

Mechanics

Agricultural mechanics - Diesel or agricultural mechanic.

Grape, olive farming industries





Typical jobs

- ▶ Working with horses and stock on cattle and sheep stations
- ▶ Working with motorbikes and stock on cattle or sheep stations
- ▶ General farm work of all sorts.
- ▶ Driving tractors, combines, headers, graders and farm machinery
- ▶ Working in the home on a farm helping out where needed
- ▶ Working with harvesting contractors, module building, boll buggy driving
- ▶ Working with fencing or spraying contractors
- ▶ Trail riding centers, horse riding and teaching, sometimes not well paid
- ▶ Host farms, horse work and general duties
- ▶ Racing stables and polo yards, stud farms, general duties
- ▶ Event and show jumping stables, dressage and general duties

Before you sign up, ask yourself these questions:

Are you mature, flexible, open-minded, committed and willing to make adjustments?

Are you able to develop a stable relationship with a host farm and fellow workers, and become part of a working team?

Can you be polite, conscientious, courteous and avoid cultural political and economic value comparisons that might lead to conflict with hosts?

Can you work long hours at certain peak times in the season. Farming in the united States can be labour intensive?

Are you willing to try new experiences, and participate in activities?





In order to qualify

- Have studied agriculture in a course equivalent to a National Certificate
- Have at least 6 months experience in the type of agricultural placement you are looking for
- Be single and between ages of 18-30
- Be mature, flexible, open minded and willing to work long hours
- Be a South African passport holder
- Have full support of ones tertiary institute as documents are required from them
- Be in good health and not in possession of or using any drugs other than those recommended by a doctor
- Hold a clear criminal record

As the saying goes,

“ life is 5% what happens to you, and 95% how you react to it ”



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What's included in the program?

Your success here is mostly down to you, and is determined by your attitude. You also need to be physically and mentally fit.

- ▶ Step by step assistance throughout the program from completing all required paperwork to obtain the necessary paperwork to legally work in the United States for the period specified on the job offer which is up to a maximum of 12 months
- ▶ Confirmed placement and contract documentation
- ▶ Pre-departure orientation- Vital information to get you ready for the adventure of a lifetime
- ▶ Post arrival orientation with respective program partner which involves meeting other like minded travelers, complete necessary paperwork, getting assisted with a bank account, applying for a Social Security card
- ▶ Throughout the year our partner organizes events and seminars three times a year
- ▶ Assistance with all travel arrangements to get to host farm
- ▶ Back up support throughout full length of program

If you accepted on the program then its because one or more things in your application form told us that you would be capable of succeeding in this environment. Thousands of young people from all walks of life have succeeded here.

Please do not make the mistake of assuming that the great experiences that so many people speak of having had in the United States will come to you easily. You will have to work hard for them and you will have to deal with many new and potentially challenging circumstances along the way, especially at the beginning.

It won't all be easy, and there may well be some things that you may not like. Be prepared for it to be tough; that is all part of the adventure, and this is what will make it feel all the more worthwhile long after you have returned home.

If interested, what next...?

If experiencing the United States firsthand is something you would like to do then get in touch with us and we will enliven the sense of adventure within you!

The program is not a package holiday. Paying and turning up does not guarantee success here. You have to engage fully, get completely involved in everything, be energetic, hard working, willing to learn and try new things, and become good at finding ways to be useful. This will shape the way your experience develops.

Costs

Please refer to separate budget for full breakdown of costs

Spending money

All applicants need to arrive with a minimum of USD \$1200 in support funds to pay for things such as food accommodation, travel and other expenses until they receive their first pay check. All applicants are also required to travel with a credit card.

Accommodation

Most applicants working on farms will live on or near the farm, but those in towns or cities may have private board and lodging some distance from the work site. Transport is the applicant's responsibility.

There are many different arrangements for paying for accommodation. On some farms, accommodation and electricity costs may be deducted from wages; on others there may be a weekly lodging fee. Most applicant's are responsible for their own food.

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