



# 2012 Farm Internship in the Loire Region, France

## Program & Application form

ESA-ANGERS offers farm internships for students coming from its partner Universities

### I- THE GENERAL OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAM:

The program has three main objectives:

- Language skills: ESA aims at helping international students to improve their language knowledge; this should help them in their subsequent studies (Socrates or other programs) at ESA.
- Professional skills: Students will have the opportunity to learn more about Western European agriculture and farm management.
- Cultural knowledge: the participants of these programs will have the possibility to learn more about the French culture and the French way of life, sharing the every-day life and customs of a French farmer's family..

**Please, note that the objective is not to earn money: This program is not about "summer-jobs", but "farm practices".**

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## II-THE REQUESTED PROFILE OF THE STUDENT:

- He/she is a student in agricultural sciences, food sciences or agri-Business.
- He/she has a good level of French and is able to converse with the farmer and his family.
- He/she is motivated to improve his/her French, to have the knowledge of French culture and farm management.
- He/she has a good level of French and is able to converse with the farmer and his family.
- He/she is in good health and able to do manual farm work.
- He/she is motivated to do manual farm work, to adapt to different life and work conditions.
- He/she is willing to write a report about the farm (see below).

**In very special occasions, non-French speaking students can be placed with an English speaking farmer family. However, a high level of motivation is required from the student in order to improve or to learn French, the knowledge of French culture and farm management. Places are very limited.**

## III-THE FARM PRACTICE:

It is a 4 or 8 week placement in a farmer's family in our Loire Valley region. The student will receive lodging and food from the farmer: he will share his family life.

The Farm Internships are organized with the help of a club of local farmers, called EAI (Echanges Agricoles Internationaux). This association of farmers works very closely with ESA to organize farm practices.

The student will probably receive some pocket money from the farmer during his placement. The usual amount is 40 € per week depending on the financial situation of the farm and the work done by the students.

## IV-THE FINAL REPORT AND CREDITS:

Credits allocated to the program: 6 European credits (ECTS) per 4 week period.

Evaluation: individual written report

This report has the following elements:

- Written in French or in English (only for non-French-speakers) by hand or computer
- About 10 pages
- Contents: Description of the farm, his natural and economic environment
- Description of one production of the farm.

During the opening and preparation seminar (2 or 3 days at the beginning of July), we will work with the students on this report. The quality of the written French is not so important. The aim of the report is to reveal the curiosity and the understanding of the farm by the student, its work and its environment.

## V-APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

### a. Requested documents

- One letter of recommendation from the home university (in English or French): he/she must be a regular student in your University.
- One letter of motivation in French or English: The student explains why he/she wants to do this farm practice and for what kind of farm he/she is interested in.
- One Curriculum Vitae (typed with the computer) in French or in English: education, main points of study, specialisation, professional experience, placements, personnel interests (enclosed you will find a CV sample).
- Join a copy of passport (it's now compulsory for farm placement).
- **Provide a "birth certificate" original translated in French, needed to subscribe a compulsory work insurance**

Each university can propose several candidates. The selection will be done in relation to the quality of the application.

A special attention will be given to the students who plan to apply for an academic program or an exchange program at Groupe ESA.

#### b. Applications schedule:

- **Application deadline: March, the 19<sup>th</sup>** (by email). Please note that no application will be accepted after this deadline.
- **Decision of ESA :**
  - on March, the 30<sup>th</sup>. We will tell you if you are accepted in the program. Please, provide us with clear ways to contact the student at this time of the year (preferably by e-mail).
  - During the 1<sup>st</sup> week of June, we will give you the information about your farm.

#### c. Contact persons at ESA:

All applications of your students must be sent to Marie Hélène MORTUREUX // [mh.mortureux@groupe-esa.com](mailto:mh.mortureux@groupe-esa.com)

### **VI-FINANCIAL CONDITIONS:**

As we have no external funding for this program, we must share the costs:

- The students will pay Health insurance for the farm practice period. The students must provide a health insurance certificate (in English or French) valid **for their whole stay in France**. If not, we can not accept them for the farm practice. The students will pay their own personal expenses during their stay in France, visa cost set c, train, plane, and hotel if they arrive before the beginning of the program.
- Groupe ESA will cover the entire cost<sup>1</sup> of the program only if the agreement between the University and Groupe ESA specifies that the Farm Internship Program is accredited and therefore participates in our exchange balance. Otherwise, there will be a 440 Euros administration fee for each student.
- The farmers offer accommodation and food during the placement, and, perhaps stipends.

### **VII-2012 TIMESCHEDULE AND PLANNING:**

#### **Arrival (for all):**

Wednesday, June 27:

Thursday, June 28<sup>th</sup> and Friday, June 29<sup>th</sup>:

Arrival of students in Angers

Opening seminar (French agriculture, management of French family farms, organisation of the placement, duties and rights of the student during the placement, the final report)

Friday, June 29<sup>th</sup>:

Departure to farms in the afternoon with host families.

From June 30<sup>th</sup> until July 27<sup>th</sup>:

the first 4 week period

From July 28<sup>th</sup> until August 24<sup>th</sup>:

the second 4 week period

#### **Farm practice:**

The length of the work placement is either 4 weeks (minimum) or 8 weeks: please specify upon application!

**For organisational reasons, the students have to respect this schedule.**

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<sup>1</sup> the organisational costs and the tuition fee for seminars, the cost of the Youth-hostel for the day before the beginning of the program, the compulsory insurance for work-accidents

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## Application form

PLEASE RETURN THIS APPLICATION FORM TYPED BEFORE  
(handwritten application forms will not be accepted)  
before the 19th of March 2012  
by email **to: mh.mortureux@groupe-esa.com**  
Or by fax: 01 13 32 41 23 55 32

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<b>Nom(Name):</b>	<b>Université d'Origine(Home University):</b>	
<b>Prénom(FirstName):</b>		
<b>Date et lieu de naissance(Date and Birthplace):</b>	<b>Pays(Country):</b>	
.....	<b>Nom de l'interlocuteur(Contact Person):</b>	
<b>Nationalité(Nationality):</b>	<b>Tél.:</b>	
<b>Sexe(Sex):</b>	<b>Email:</b>	
Langue maternelle/Mother tongue : ..... Niveau de Français/French level: bon/good ..... moyen/intermediate ..... débutant/beginner Autre langue/Other language: (Spécifier/to specify): ..... bon/good ..... moyen/intermediate ..... débutant/beginner (Spécifier/to specify): ..... bon/good ..... moyen/intermediate ..... débutant/beginner ▪ Permis de conduire/Driving licence:       oui/yes                               non/no		
Avez-vous déjà séjourné en France? / Have you ever stayed in France? ..... Où et combien de temps? / Where and for how long? ..... Pour quelles raisons? / What was the purpose of your stay? ..... ..... Avez-vous déjà séjourné à l'étranger? / Have you ever been abroad?: ..... Si oui, dans quels pays? If yes, in which country? .....		
Avez-vous déjà réalisé un stage en France? / Have you carried out an internship in France?  Non/non   oui/yes Où/Where? .....	<b>Loisirs/Leisure activities:</b> ..... ..... ..... Êtes-vous fils ou fille d'un agriculteur? Are you parents farmers? .....	
<u><b>STAGERECHERCHE :</b></u> Indiquez trois souhaits; par exemple: ferme avec vaches laitières, maraîchage, production de volailles, horticulture, élevage porcin, céréales, etc. ( <b>Indicate your first three choices for an internship; i.e., dairying, poultry production, horticulture, cereals, etc.</b> ). Les opportunités de stage en viticulture et dans l'industrie agro-alimentaire sont rares pendant l'été/ Internships in Viticulture and in food processing industries are difficult to find during the Summer Period. <b>Premier souhait(First choice) :</b> <b>Deuxième souhait(Second choice) :</b> <b>Troisième souhait(Third choice) :</b>		
<u><b>Durée du Stage(Duration of Training)</b></u>	<u><b>Date de Début (Starting Date):</b></u>	<u><b>Date de Fin (Ending Date):</b></u>
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