



2013 Farm Practice

in the Loire Region, France

Program and application form



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Groupe ESA - ANGERS gives the opportunity to students from its partner universities to do a farm practice.

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 at ESA.
- Professional skills: Students will have the opportunity to learn more about French culture and the French way of life, the 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".

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, 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).

Non-French speaking students can be placed with an English speaking farmer family only if he previously participates to the Summer Program in June. Nevertheless, a high level of motivation would be required from the student in order to learn and/or improve his French. Places are very limited.

III - THE FARM PRACTICE:

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

The student will be placed in a farmer family (lodging and food is included) in the Loire Valley region. The student will share his family's 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 Groupe 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 (only if required by the home University). The student will be required to write a report about his experience. The grading system is pass/fail.

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 days at the beginning of July or 1 day at the beginning of the second period at the end of July), you can ask more details about the 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),
- 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).
- The application form "demande de stage en France" (it must be **typed**)
- **Provide a "birth certificate" original translated in French, needed to subscribe a compulsory work insurance**

Each university can present 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. Application schedule:

- ***Application deadline: March, the 22nd*** (by email). Please note that no application will be accepted after this deadline.
- ***Decision of Groupe ESA:***
 - on April, the 5th. We will tell you if you are accepted in the program.
 - During the 1st week of June, we will give you the information about your farm.

c. Contact persons at ESA:

Depending on your country of residence, all applications forms must be sent to:

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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 costs etc, train, plane, and hotel if they arrive before the beginning of the program.
- Groupe ESA will cover the entire cost¹ 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.

¹ 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

VII - 2013 TIME SCHEDULE AND PLANNING:

Wednesday, July, the 3rd

Student's arrival in Angers

Thursday and Friday, July the 4th and 5th:

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)

From Friday, July the 5th to Friday, August the 2nd

Farm Practice // 4 weeks

Friday, August the 2nd

Opening seminar for the 2nd period (French agriculture, management of French family farms, organisation of the placement, duties and rights of the student during the placement, the final report).

From Friday, August the 2nd to Friday, August the 30th

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Saturday, August the 31st and Sunday, September the 1st

Optional cultural trip in Paris : Visit of Paris // A contribution of 100 € will be asked.

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

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Application form

PLEASE RETURN THIS APPLICATION FORM TYPED BEFORE (hand written application forms will not be accepted) before the 22nd of March 2013 by email to the Relationship coordinator with your country (see page3)

Nom (Name): Prénom (First Name): Date et lieu de naissance (Date and Birthplace) : Nationalité (Nationality) : Sexe (Sex):	Université d'Origine (Home University) : Pays (Country) : Nom de l'interlocuteur (Contact Person) : Tél. : Email :	
Langue maternelle / Mother tongue: Niveau de Français / French level : bon/good <input type="checkbox"/> moyen/intermediate <input type="checkbox"/> débutant/beginner <input type="checkbox"/> Autre langue / Other language : 🚩 (Spécifier/to specify): <input type="checkbox"/> bon/good // <input type="checkbox"/> moyen/intermediate // <input type="checkbox"/> débutant/beginner 🚩 (Spécifier/to specify): <input type="checkbox"/> bon/good // <input type="checkbox"/> moyen/intermediate // <input type="checkbox"/> débutant/beginner 🚩 Permis de conduire / Driving licence: oui/yes <input type="checkbox"/> non/no <input type="checkbox"/>		
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 ever carried out an internship in France? Non/no <input type="checkbox"/> oui/yes <input type="checkbox"/> Où/Where?	Loisirs / Leasure activitiy : Êtes-vous fils ou fille d'agriculteur ? Are your parents farmers ?	
RECHERCHE DE STAGE / PLACEMENT: Indiquez trois souhaits ; par exemple : ferme avec vaches laitières, maraîchage, production de volailles, horticulture, élevage porcin, céréales, etc. (Indicate your first three choices for an internship; i.e., dairying, poultry production, horticulture, cereals, etc). Les opportunités de stage en viticulture et dans l'industrie agro-alimentaire sont rares pendant l'été / Internships in Viticulture and in food industries are difficult to find during the Summer Period. Premier souhait (First choice) : Deuxième souhait (Second choice) : Troisième souhait (Third choice) :		
Durée du Stage (Lenght of the practice) :	Date de Début (Starting Date):	Date de Fin (Ending Date):
Souhaitez-vous prendre le bus spécialement affrété par Groupe ESA à 16h00 le mercredi 3 juillet pour le trajet Aéroport Paris Charles De Gaulle à Angers ? (coût 20 euros/pers) // Would you like to take the bus Groupe ESA will charter for the transportation from Paris Charles De Gaulle to Angers (extra cost : 20 euros) : <input type="checkbox"/> oui / <input type="checkbox"/> non		
Voulez-vous participer au week end culturel à Paris organisé par l'ESA le 31 août et 1er septembre moyennant la somme de 100 euro ? Would you like to go to the cultural field trip in Paris organized by ESA on August 31 and September the 1 st (extra cost: 100 euros)? <input type="checkbox"/> oui / <input type="checkbox"/> non		