

# International Collegiate Agricultural Leadership (I-CAL) Program: Opportunities for Virginia Tech Students

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## **Purpose:**

Twelve students travel abroad to learn about international agriculture, marketing, and trade; particularly within the grain industry. Travel locations differ but each year the group travels to a region that works with the U.S. Grains Council. The trip includes tours of farms, mills, and markets; meetings with industry leaders; and sight-seeing of cultural attractions. I-CAL provides students with experiences to relate all aspects of agriculture from the global realm to back on the home front.

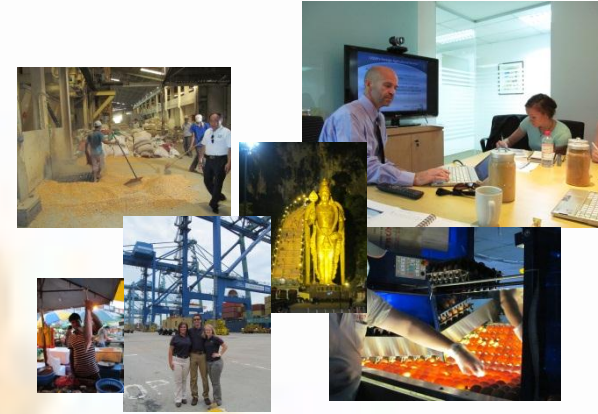
**Applications Available By:  
December**  
**Applications Due By:  
February**

## **Who can apply from Virginia Tech?**

- Alpha Gamma Rho
- Alpha Zeta
- Block & Bridle
- Collegiate 4-H
- Collegiate FFA
- FarmHouse
- MANNRS
- NAMA
- Postsecondary Agriculture Students of Virginia Tech
- Sigma Alpha

## **Opportunities Associated:**

- Networking- locally, nationally, & abroad
- Public Speaking
- Education
- National FFA Convention Collegiate Staff
- Possible Study Abroad Credit



## **Why YOU should apply:**

- International travel gives you a better perspective of agriculture's influence
- Learn about different industries within agriculture
- Become more culturally aware
- Dates often fit between the end of Spring semester & summer jobs/internships
- Partially sponsored by FFA & U.S. Grains Foundation
- Students from the East Coast are not as represented in the program
- Resume builder
- FUN!

## **For more information:**

<https://www.ffa.org/programs/Global/ICAL/Pages/default.aspx>  
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## WHO?

### MEMBERS OF THE FOLLOWING:

ALPHA GAMMA RHO

ALPHA ZETA

BLOCK & BRIDLE

COLLEGIATE 4-H

COLLEGIATE FFA

FARMHOUSE

MANNRS

NAMA

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## WHAT?

**INTERNATIONAL COLLEGIATE AGRICULTURAL LEADERSHIP (I-CAL) PROGRAM.** I-CAL IS A TWO WEEK-LONG PROGRAM WHERE 12 AGRICULTURE COLLEGE STUDENTS FROM ACROSS THE NATION TRAVEL OVERSEAS TO LEARN ABOUT INTERNATIONAL AGRICULTURE, MARKETING, AND TRADE. BECAUSE OF PARTNERSHIP WITH NATIONAL FFA ORGANIZATION AND THE U.S. GRAINS COUNCIL, THE STUDENTS FOCUS ON THE GRAIN INDUSTRY AND THE RELATIONSHIPS THAT THE U.S. GRAIN COUNCIL HAS IN THE COUNTRIES VISITED.

## WHEN?

LATE MAY TO EARLY JUNE

## WHERE?

EVERY YEAR THE ITINERARY FOR I-CAL CHANGES LOCATIONS. THIS PAST YEAR, THE STUDENTS TRAVELED TO SOUTHEAST ASIA, FOCUSING ON VIETNAM, MALAYSIA, AND SINGAPORE. THE COUNTRIES THAT ARE VISITED WORK WITH THE U.S. GRAINS COUNCIL.

## HOW?

APPLICATIONS BECOME AVAILABLE IN DECEMBER AND WILL BE DUE IN EARLY TO MID-FEBRUARY. THE APPLICATION PROCESS IS ONLINE AND INCLUDES ESSAY RESPONSES, RESUME, REFERENCES, AND A POSSIBLE INTERVIEW.

### **MORE INFORMATION AND APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE AT:**

[HTTPS://WWW.FFA.ORG/PROGRAMS/GLOBAL/ICAL/PAGES/DEFAULT.ASPX](https://www.ffa.org/programs/global/ical/pages/default.aspx)

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