

Agricultural Training

The Israeli

learning by doing program for advanced agriculture

Process of program:

In the country of origin:

- Choosing the students from the top graduates of the agriculture faculties in universities in country of origin, meeting them and preparing them for their arrival in Israel.
- Preparation of entry permits to Israel.



In Israel:

- Meeting the trainees at the airport and bringing them to the farms in Israel.
- Medical insurance for the students immediately upon their arrival in Israel.
- Providing the trainees accommodation and necessary equipment during their stay in Israel.
- Paying the trainees by the hour, according to the minimum wage in Israel, for tuition, airfare et cetera.
- Completion of the full scholastic program.
- Reservation of flights and bringing the students in a group to their countries.

Amit Kumar Jaiswal (26) Nepal:

"I saw every aspect of agriculture: how to control pests, how to harvest, how to package, how to save the post-harvest losses". We should learn some technology and make some modifications for our local area".

Indira Paudel (25) Nepal:

"My father is a subsistence farmer, who spent his whole life working in the field just to provide food. Now my father is 65, and he wants to develop his farm commercially, but he has no idea how, because he is completely uneducated. So I want to fulfill my father's dream".



Agricultural Training - The Academic Program

"Agriculture Training" is a unique

"Learning by doing" program operated by agricultural centers across Israel and governmental authorities.

The main goals of the program are:

- Integrate the trainees into a unique vocational program of instruction and practical mentoring, based on the importing of knowledge and expertise, by combining studies and hands-on work.
- Provide the trainees with advanced agricultural knowledge and practical training, in order to prepare him for the agricultural, technological and financial challenges in his origin country.

The program has gained support, approval and encouragement from the ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, the ministry for Foreign and the ministry for internal Affairs which grant the permits, and is being operated by leading agriculture institutes in Israel.

The study program is a year-long, constitutes a full agricultural season. The trainees work five days a week performing agricultural labor on the farms, and approximately one day a week for academic learning in classes. The program includes 400 hours that includes academic learning, educational vocational tours, visiting advance companies and agricultural enterprises all over Israel and visits to tourist attractions.

The program is accompanied by an academic director, teachers and lecturers, staff members and agronomists which mentoring the students. The academic program includes assignments of research papers, in addition to the lectures. The culmination of the project is the computerized presentation of the papers to the entire class and agriculture experts.

When finishing the program, the trainees receive a certificate of completion.

The academic program

The Academic program is adapted to the level of the trainees and to the needs of their countries, and includes:

- Economic agricultural subjects.
- Financial calculations and marketing.
- Computer studies.
- Vegetable growing.
- Flower growing.
- Orchards growing.
- Fish growing.
- Organic agriculture.
- Preservation of flora.
- Development of leadership.
- Methodology in research papers.