

The Program

The IEAP Program is a skill-bridging program to facilitate the integration of foreign-trained agrologists into the Manitoba agriculture sector, through a one-year program of coursework and work experience.

The program assists new Manitobans with an agricultural degree from outside of Canada to achieve meaningful work in their field and to help the Manitoba agricultural industry discover new talent.

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AGROLOGY IS THE APPLICATION OF THE SCIENCES TO AGRICULTURE AND THE BIO-RESOURCE SECTOR.

AGROLOGISTS are trained and qualified to give advice on producing, processing and marketing agricultural products, crops or livestock.

You must be a member of the Manitoba Institute of Agrologists (MIA) to practise agrology in Manitoba. The MIA regulates agrology in Manitoba in the best interests of the public and under Manitoba law.



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Welcoming the World's Agricultural Talent to Manitoba



Internationally Educated Agrologists Program (IEAP)



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Internationally Educated Agrologist Pilot Program

Program Components

The IEAP Program is a 12-month program, divided into two parts:

Part 1 – Eight months

IEAP Participants are enrolled in courses in the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences at the University of Manitoba, designed to develop their technical and professional competency at the same level as agrologists educated in Canadian institutions.

1. Courses related to IEAP Program participants' areas of knowledge and expertise.
2. Courses that provide knowledge, specific to Canada, about agricultural business, agricultural science, as well as production and management practices.
3. "Business Communication" course, designed specifically for the IEAP program to improve participants' communication and language skills.
4. "Practising the Profession of Agrology" course, designed specifically for the IEAP program to help participants learn about the agriculture industry and the responsibilities of a practising agrologist.

Part 2 – Four months

From May to August, participants will work in agricultural positions in Manitoba. The four-month cooperative work experience gives participants some of the Canadian job experience that so many employers seek. Participants will be paid for their work.

Costs Associated with the Program

The program tuition, course registration fees and tour fees will be covered by the IEAP participant. Tuition fees depend on the number of courses and can be up to \$5,000. You will be referred to potential sources of financial assistance if required.

What are the benefits to participants? The program provides Internationally Educated Agrologists with:

- opportunities to learn about codes, regulations and structure of agriculture in Manitoba (by visiting and learning about Manitoba agricultural workplaces);
 - a valuable regional agricultural network of students, professors and industry contacts;
 - ideas about how to use existing agricultural expertise to become successful in Manitoba;
 - knowledge of cultural integration, cultural understanding and professionalism in Canada;
 - essential skills to help build a strong 'professional brand' by Canadian standards;
 - a mechanism for integration into the Manitoba agriculture industry sectors;
 - an immersion in the technical and professional language of their agriculture profession in English; and
 - access to other learning opportunities through tours, meetings, events and workshops.
- Also, the program is approved and supported by the Manitoba Institute of Agrologists (MIA), the organization that grants licenses to practise agrology in Manitoba.

You are eligible to apply for the IEAP program if:

1. you have a degree in agriculture from another country,
2. you are a permanent resident or Canadian citizen,
3. you have been assessed at an English Language Benchmark of 8 or higher,
4. you have a valid driver's license, and
5. your application for registration with the Manitoba Institute of Agrologists (MIA) has been accepted.

You are advised to **begin the registration process with MIA as soon as possible**. Once you have registered with the MIA, you can apply for the IEAP Program **no later than April 30, 2012** to start the program in August 2013.

How do you obtain the MIA Letter of Confirmation that your application with the MIA has been accepted?

1. Apply for the Comprehensive Course-by-Course evaluation from World Education Services (WES) at www.wes.org/ca/mia.asp at least 3 to 6 months before the IEAP deadline.
2. Please refer to the MIA website for details on the complete application for registration process (www.mia.mb.ca) If you have questions, please contact MIA directly: email: agrologist@mia.mb.ca
3. Apply to MIA right away after you have requested the Comprehensive Course-by-Course evaluation from WES – DO NOT wait.

Credentials Recognition Financial Assistance

The Government of Manitoba might assist newcomers to Canada with the costs of having their foreign credentials recognized. Application fees to WES and the MIA may be shared. Call (204) 945-6300 for more information. If you are calling in Canada, but from outside of Winnipeg, you can call 1-800-665-8332 at no cost.

How do you apply for the IEAP Program?

Submit the following documents to the IEAP Program:

1. Application form (Download it from www.umanitoba.ca/afs/ieap)
2. Recent Canadian Language Benchmarks assessment record
3. Recent résumé
4. Copy of your university transcripts. (If you are accepted, original or certified transcripts will be required)
5. Copy of MIA's Letter of Confirmation that your MIA application for registration has been ACCEPTED

The number of people accepted into the program is limited. **Apply no later than April 30, 2012**. The program will proceed pending confirmation of funding.

English Language Assessment

To obtain your Canadian Language Benchmark assessment record, contact the Winnipeg English Language Assessment and Referral Centre (WELARC). Call (204) 943-5387 for more information.