

The Program

The IEAP 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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Program Components

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

Part 1 – Eight months

IEAP Program participants are enrolled in courses in the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences at the University of Manitoba. The coursework provides an opportunity for participants to demonstrate and confirm their technical and professional skills in the Canadian context.

- 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 and Technical Communication" course, designed specifically for the IEAP to improve participants' communication and language skills.
- 4) "Practising the Profession of Agrology" course, designed specifically for the IEAP 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.

Manitoba companies are encouraged to contact the IEAP Program if they are interested in hosting a program participant for a four-month work term placement.

How the IEAP Program benefits Manitoba employers:

The IEAP Program:

- ensures professional competency through recent studies and activities within the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences at the University of Manitoba;
- delivers motivated and talented agricultural professionals who qualify for recognition by the Manitoba Institute of Agrologists (MIA) of their non-Canadian credentials;
- helps to prepare your organization for greater cultural diversity in Manitoba workplaces;
- helps to create long-term organizational capacity to attract skilled professionals from a growing international talent pool;
- enhances your operation with new points of view, as well as international experiences and perspectives;
- enriches the global understanding of your staff as we all participate in this new wave of the Canadian immigration story; and
- allows some remarkable individuals to achieve their potential in our industry and our country.



Immigration to Manitoba: An opportunity for agriculture

Some facts on immigration:

- Canada has welcomed 3.5 million immigrants in the last 15 years.
- The Province of Manitoba reports 15,805 immigrants came to Manitoba in 2010. It represents the largest arrival of immigrants since 1946.
- Manitoba has set a goal of welcoming 20,000 immigrants to the province annually by 2016.
- Immigration accounts for more than 70 per cent of growth in the labour force and it's expected to account for up to 100 per cent of that growth within the next decade.
- A significant number of new Canadians move to Manitoba with impressive agriculture credentials from their countries of origin.

With shortages of skilled agricultural employees clearly pending over the next decades, it is critical that we continue to find innovative and practical ways to recognize international credentials and integrate global talent into our workplaces in Manitoba. Our businesses, our industry and all Manitobans stand to benefit.

