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Dear Vice Chancellor/Director

Greetings from AIU!

It's my pleasure to inform you that **Association of Indian Universities (AIU)** and **Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)** have jointly launched 'AIU-ICAR Agrotourism program', an educational visit program to promote experiential learning and to develop awareness about the Agriculture, Fishery, apiculture and exposure of various agricultural activities among university students.

The program is aimed to enable university students to get the first-hand experience of cultivation of crops, explore nation's geographical and climatic diversity and discover new landscapes and terrains. The program envisages an educational visit of a total of 1500 students of member Indian universities to ten Agriculture Universities and on reciprocal basis visit of students of Agriculture Universities to the general Indian Universities over a period of One year. There shall be total six visits of 3 days duration each for a cohort of 25 students to 10 identified agriculture universities and vice versa for students of Agricultural Universities.

AIU and ICAR shall facilitate the planning, coordination and funding of the program. The funding for travel of the students shall be arranged by participating universities themselves out of grants available with them. The Boarding and Lodging of the students visiting the Agricultural universities shall be funded by the Agricultural universities out of the funds provided by ICAR and on the reciprocal basis, the participating universities shall have to fund the Boarding and Lodging of students from the Agricultural universities. A report on each visit shall be prepared and presented on the last day of the visit in the hosting university by the student representative of the group. A book & film on Agri-tourism based on the experience of the students shall be prepared for future references.

AIU invites proposals from member universities/institutions for participating to send students to agriculture universities and for hosting the students of agriculture universities on reciprocal basis. Interested Member universities/institutions may send their Expression of Interest (EoI) along with a proposal in the enclose performa duly endorsed by the Head of the Institution to AIU. **The proposals are required to be submitted latest by Jan 31, 2022.** The Event will be finalized on mutually convenient dates and terms and conditions laid down by AIU. The details of terms and conditions will be communicated on selection of the Proposal. **Mr Kuldeep Dagar, Deputy Secretary** will be Nodal Officer from AIU side for this Programme. For any further query please contact him at E-mail: ds_ev@aiu.ac.in.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,


(Pankaj Mittal)

All Vice Chancellor/Directors of Member Universities/Institutions.



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ASSOCIATION OF INDIAN UNIVERSITIES
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AIU-ICAR Agrotourism Program

1. Name of the University/Institute & Contact Details : _____
- a. Name of Coordinator : _____
- b. Address & Contact No. (Preferably Mobile) : _____
- c. Contact e-mail ID : _____

2. Number of Students willing to attend agrotourism program

S. No.	Slots	Month/Period	Number of Students	Remarks
1.	Slot 1			
2.	Slot 2			
3.	Slot 3			

3. Willingness of the University to host students of Agriculture Universities on Reciprocal Basis

S. No.	Slots	Month/Period	Number of Students	Remarks
1.	Slot 1			
2.	Slot 2			
3.	Slot 3			

4. Facilities available:

1) Board & Lodging : _____
(Please give details for men & women separately)

2) Venue & local Transport : _____

5. Details of the program to be conducted in your university for the reciprocal visit, indicating the university facilities to be visited & the activities to be undertaken.

Date:

Signature of Vice Chancellor/Registrar

Note:

- ❖ Universities sending students to Agriculture Universities shall have to host students from Agriculture Universities on reciprocal basis.
- ❖ The cost of travelling of the students shall be arranged by the participating universities.
- ❖ The Boarding and Lodging cost of the students in the Agricultural universities shall be funded by the Agricultural Universities and on reciprocal basis non agriculture universities shall host students of Agriculture Universities.