A premier leadership development program.

The most respected and longest running of its kind.

Mission: We grow leaders who make a difference.
Vision: California agricultural leaders united as a catalyst for a vibrant industry.

Farmers and ranchers in our highly urbanized state depend on skilled and passionate leaders who can be effective advocates for issues facing agriculture, our communities, the state and nation. For over 40 years, the California Agricultural Leadership Program (CALP) has provided an advanced leadership development experience for emerging agricultural leaders.

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Discover how you can achieve an advanced level of leadership to benefit...

• California Agriculture
• Your Company
• Your Organization
• Your Community
• and You

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Become a Stronger and Better Leader

With New Skills and Strategic Focus

Over a course of an intensive 16-month program, you will be provided numerous opportunities, including:

• Increased self-esteem
• Strategic agility
• Effective communication
• Critical thinking
• Change management
• Emotional intelligence and other soft skills that contribute to improved performance
• Awareness of complex social and cultural issues

Through a balance of dynamic classroom and cultural issues, you will:

• Be immersed in numerous topics, including:
  • Immersion into complex social and cultural issues
  • Emotional intelligence and other skills that contribute to improved performance
  • Change management
  • Critical thinking
  • Motivation
  • Numerous topics, including:

What to Expect

Ag leadership fellows can expect to gain important skills and awareness to enhance their leadership capabilities and effectiveness. With a strong skill set and strategic focus, they will be better prepared to assess and deal with the complex challenges affecting their business, agricultural associations, community, family and government.

During the 16-month program, ongoing interaction with core faculty and peers shapes the individual experience and intentionally addresses several common hurdles, and at times unforseen, situations. As a result, fellows develop a close camaraderie, learn to approach issues with an open and critical mind, and enhance their ability to listen and to learn from others and their environments.

Seminars/Partner Universities

The Ag Leadership Program is based on a more than 40-year exchange with four California universities: California State Polytechnic University, Pomona; California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo; California State University, Fresno; and the University of California, Davis. Monthly seminars rotate between these four partner universities. Additional segments are provided by Santa Clara University and the National Defense University’s Industrial College of the Armed Forces in Washington, D.C.

With a different program focus at each university, the seminars provide an integrated and comprehensive curriculum. Fellows are presented timely and relevant subject matter from skilled educators, subject matter experts, and leaders from organizations and businesses.

What is the application and selection process?

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Frequently Asked Questions

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