

# 2024 Iowa State University Swine Industry Experience Program Information

Applications due November 1, 2023

Opportunity exists for up to 14 Iowa State undergraduate students to participate in an all-expenses-paid Iowa State University Swine Industry Experience to be held in the Ames, Iowa area January 8-12, 2024.

The overall goal of this Swine Industry Experience and associated activities and opportunities is to: develop student exposure and knowledge, skills, and professional relationships in swine management in order to help meet critical need for trained professionals in the swine industry.

Specific objectives include:

- Train students in aspects of swine production through a weeklong hands-on comprehensive “Experience” around Ames, IA.
- Cultivate student vision of potential career paths within the swine industry
- Facilitate student interactions with professionals in the swine industry

The Swine Industry Experience will include both classroom instruction and hands-on experiences at participating farms. Transportation to and from Ames, hotels, food, and educational materials will be provided. Upon acceptance, students will be enrolled in AnS 490 for 1 credit hour for Spring 2024. An opportunity for a scholarship is also available for participants of this program. The Swine Industry Experience content to be covered will include:

- Sow operations – breeding, gestation, farrowing,
- Wean to finish – Weaning, grow/finish, pig management
- Swine health and well-being management – biosecurity, preventative medicine, housing
- Swine nutrition and feeding, and risk management
- Evening networking dinners with swine producers and allied-industry supporters

During and (or) following the Swine Industry Experience, there will be additional opportunities for students to network with swine industry partners.

**To apply**, please email a resume and cover letter (in a single PDF document) describing your career goal(s) and how you anticipate the Swine Industry Experience will be of benefit to you.

Please visit with Stacie Matchan if you have questions about the program in 109D Kildee Hall.

The application is due by **11/1/2023** and should be emailed to Stacie Matchan at [sgould@iastate.edu](mailto:sgould@iastate.edu).

Disclaimer: Application does not ensure spot in the program, interviews will be held to determine 14 final students. It is important that all applicants understand **NO** swine exposure is allowed for the 2 weeks leading up to the program start date. A date in December will be scheduled to discuss program expectations.