The two-year LEADelaware program will

- Facilitate learning in the context of current issues facing Delaware's agriculture and natural resources
- Provide opportunities to practice these skills within the program
- Provide an atmosphere of individual learning and growth
- Participate in an agricultural study abroad trip in the second year of the program

For more information about LEADelaware and the application process please visit:

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LEADelaware is an agricultural and natural resource leadership program designed to help build the next generation of leaders within the food and fiber industries that influences our food system, our economy, and our environment. Leadership is a critical component for any industry to respond to the political, social and economic issues it faces on a day-to-day basis.

Agriculture and related industries need experienced and trained advocates to provide a voice and a direction for the future. The business of agriculture has grown in new areas with new technology and production strategies. The need to translate the needs of this industry to the public and policy makers is critical.

Producers face greater risk, changing markets, a global economy, new technologies and pressures from development. Producers also find themselves stewards of their own environmental resources as well as those surrounding their operations. The need for leadership within the agricultural sector is essential.

The philosophy of LEADelaware is to build leadership capacity in agriculture and natural resources in Delaware by investing in a class of emerging leaders. In our framework, leaders are not born nor can we simply make someone a leader by teaching them a set of skills. However, we can invest in emerging leaders by imparting knowledge, skills, and opportunities to lead.

International trips give leadership candidates many opportunities. They engage different cultures from several perspectives and leadership fellows learn from the adventure of new geography and agricultural practices.

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