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2026 AFA Leader Institutes Tour Host Position Description

Purpose:

- Engage and reflect with students attending the Institute to help enhance their experience and grow their networks
- Volunteer opportunity for alumni of AFA
- Learn and explore a localized agriculture process
- Help students understand what it means to be an AFA alumni

Commitment:

- Tour departure and arrival times will vary. Possible start times range from 6:30-8:00 am with an end time range from 4:00-5:30 pm on that same day. Breakfast and lunch are included with your engagement.

Tour host needs for 2026 Institutes:

- Feb. 25 – San Antonio, TX
- April 12 - Kansas City, MO
- July 19- Raleigh, NC
- September 14 – Washington, D.C.
- September 27 – Chicago, IL

Checklist for tour host:

- *Beginning of tour day (on the bus before first tour stop)*
 - Introduce yourself and why you are here
 - Talk about why a student might connect with you (you work for a really cool part of agriculture, you went to graduate school, you had to relocate after graduation, you are balancing a family and work life, etc.)
 - Identify student host for each tour stop (3 needed)
 - Student host will be the first one off the bus to introduce the group and give thanks to the organization at the end.
 - Identify students who will record thank you videos for tours (3 needed)
 - Thank you videos are 30-45 seconds in length and will be recorded by the AFA staff member assigned with you for your tours



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- Sample messaging:
 - Introduce yourself (name, university, major)
 - What was the coolest thing you learned about the tour?
 - What was something that surprised you about the tour?
 - Thank the team that hosted us, noting the company name and specific team members names (if possible).
- *Throughout the day:*
 - Encourage students to:
 - Ask lots of questions during the tours
 - Give shout outs on social media – tag companies!
 - Share pictures in app with other students about their experience
 - Begin thinking about their experience, major takeaways, etc.
- *After each tour stop:*
 - Engage/reflect with students using questions below. Please work with AFA team member assigned to your tour in case there is a Student Leader that would also like to host the reflection. Main thing: avoid questions that focus on the negative.
 - After the tour stop:
 - What surprised you the most?
 - What do you think is important to share with your peers about what you learned?
 - What was their culture like?
 - What are some opportunities you became aware of that interest you?
 - What was the coolest thing you learned?
 - Has anything impressed you at the facilities?
 - Has anything you've seen or learned that surprised you?
 - What was a highlight for you from each stop?
 - Did you notice any themes between the tour stops?
 - Before a tour stop sample questions:
 - What are you most looking forward to during our visit?
 - What is one question you want to ensure we ask?

If interested in participating, please reach out to Chelsey.buseck@agfuture.org to register.

