



AICAT- Arava Int. Center for Agriculture Training

Terms and Conditions DIPLOMA Program

Goals of AICAT

AICAT's goal is to impart professional, theoretical and practical knowhow and skills in advanced agricultural studies, based on "**Learning by Doing**".

The program takes place in the Arava region, in the south of Israel, in the desert.

Agriculture in the Arava is the spearhead of modern and sophisticated agriculture in Israel, using modern high technologies in the most inhospitable conditions of the desert.

We invite students from diverse countries, multitude of nationalities, cultures, religions or beliefs. By doing so we truly practice "**AGRICULTURE WITHOUT BORDERS**".

Terms and Conditions of the program:

1. The program's duration is maximum 11 months, during the agricultural season in the Arava, from August to June.
2. All the students **must leave** Israel at the end of the program.

3. About the program:

- 3.1 AICAT will allocate the students to well- founded, modern farms in the communities in the Arava, and monitor their integration during the program.
- 3.2 The students will do their practicum in the farms under the supervision of the farmers who will be their mentors.
- 3.3 One to two days per week will be dedicated to frontal studies at AICAT's college under qualified teachers, lecturers and instructors.
- 3.4 The main topics of the studies will be: agriculture; farm management; food safety & security.
- 3.5 Each student will have to conduct a monitored research and present it at the end of the program.
- 3.6 The farmers will enable the students to conduct the research on the farm; using equipment and materials of the farm for that purpose.
- 3.7 AICAT will conduct at least two trips in Israel, thus enabling the students to learn more about the country and the people.

4. Students' wages:

4.1. The farmers will pay the students a salary according to the Israeli law.

4.2. From the wages **the farmers will deduct the following:**

10% income tax.

530 NIS. Per month for accommodation, inc. electricity, water & gas

270 NIS. Per month for tuition and instruction and for benefitting the students from their knowledge, experience, & enabling them to use farm materials for their research.

5. Tuition fee & flight tickets

5.1 Tuition fee is 10,500 NIS **Including vat.**

5.2 Fee will be paid in 5 monthly installments starting from September to January.

5.3 Return flight tickets will be paid by the students in two installments in March and April. (According to price at that time).

5.4 AICAT agrees that tuition fee & return flight tickets will not be paid in advance, but will be given to the students as a loan, to be paid by the students in installments, as specified above, and will be returned by deduction by the farmers from the students' wages.

6. Health insurance:

6.1 During their stay in Israel the students will enjoy health insurance covering clinic appointments, medicines and hospitalization, excluding teeth treatment.

6.2 All students must be in good health upon arrival in Israel, and must provide a medical certificate of their health condition, issued by a recognized hospital or medical institute.

7. Students' obligation:

7.1 Attending **all** classes, all tours and **all** activities is obligatory!!

7.2 Student who will miss 2 times will be called for a hearing. Unjustified absence might result in sending the student home.

7.3 Students' stay in Israel is limited for agricultural education in the Arava. Any other occupation, without any limitation, including during vacations, is absolutely forbidden.

Anyone who will violate this rule will be expelled & sent home immediately.

- 7.4 Noncompliance with program's rules, including any kind of violence, gambling, being drunk, use of drugs- the student will be expelled from the program.
- 7.5 In such events the student will pay AICAT the balance of tuition fee & return flight ticket & will exit Israel immediately.
- 7.6 A student who will choose to end his training and go back home, without a justified cause – will still pay the full tuition fee and the flight back home.

By signing this document I declare that I understand & accept all the terms and conditions specified above.

My signature constitutes an irrevocable unconditional instruction to the farmer, with whom I will be positioned, to deduct the amounts due to AICAT specified above.

Name _____

Passport no. _____

Date _____

Witness _____