



The 2026 China Agricultural University “Future Agriculture” International Winter Camp

I. Introduction to the Winter Camp

To advance global agricultural science and technology innovation, strengthen international cooperation, and promote deep engagement among young talents dedicated to sustainable agricultural development, China Agricultural University (CAU) will launch the “Future Agriculture” International Winter Camp in 2026. The Winter Camp aims to convene aspiring youth from around the world and contribute to building a community with a shared future for humankind.

Guided by its enduring theme, “Integration, Sharing, and Empowering Youth,” the Winter Camp refines its specific focus and program structure each year to reflect emerging global developments and strategic needs.

The Winter Camp is envisioned as a cross-national, cross-cultural, and cross-disciplinary platform for youth exchange. It will bring together outstanding students from leading agricultural universities worldwide to explore frontier topics such as tropical agriculture, sustainable and green development, and smart agricultural technologies. Through thematic lectures, rural fieldwork, academic discussions, and cultural immersion, the program seeks to foster interdisciplinary collaboration, shared learning, and joint innovation for the future of agriculture.

By encouraging dynamic interaction and cooperation among young participants, the Winter Camp aims to spark creativity, strengthen practical capabilities, and jointly envision a resilient, inclusive, and forward-looking global agricultural landscape. Ultimately, it aspires to cultivate future agricultural leaders equipped with global perspectives, social responsibility, and innovative spirit—empowering youth to contribute meaningfully to sustainable and inclusive agricultural development worldwide.

The inaugural Winter Camp, themed “Golden Seeds,” will be held from January 12 to January 25, 2026, in Sanya, Hainan Province, leveraging the academic resources and research platforms of the CAU Sanya Research Institute and the “Southern Seed Valley.”



- **Organizer:** China Agricultural University
- **Dates:** January 12-25, 2026
- **Location:** Hainan Province, China
- **Scale:** 60 participants, including approximately 30 students from overseas universities

II. Program Highlights

- **Frontier Exploration**

The Winter Camp will feature thematic sessions on “China and Global Agricultural Development,” “Intelligent Agriculture,” “Biological Breeding,” “Agricultural Synthetic Biology,” and “Green Agricultural Development,” engaging participants in forward-looking discussions on emerging agricultural technologies.

- **High-Level Engagement**

Leading scientists, industry innovators, policymakers, and experts from academia, industry, and government will be invited to engage directly with global young scholars, jointly exploring pathways for advancing the future of agriculture.

- **In-Depth Field Experience**

Participants will visit the Nanfan Science and Technology City, Deep-Sea Science and Technology City, international seed enterprises, and other innovation hubs to gain first-hand insights into China’s integrated “industry–academia–research” model. Field visits to Hainan’s “Beautiful Villages” will further illustrate China’s rural revitalization practices and inspire youth contributions to global rural development.

- **Cultural Immersion**

Following the scenic Hainan Island coastal route, participants will travel to Sanya, Danzhou, Qiongzong, Dongfang and other locations to experience the unique charm of the Hainan Free Trade Port and observe local innovations in agricultural development.



III. Program Schedule

January 12, 2026: Registration and Opening Ceremony of the Winter Camp

January 12-14, 2026: Academic exchange and field visits in the “Southern Seed Valley”

January 15-22, 2026: Extended fieldwork and cultural immersion

January 23-24, 2026: Closing symposium, final presentations, and exhibition of program outcomes

The final schedule is subject to adjustment.

IV. Eligibility Criteria

We warmly welcome students who meet the following requirements:

1. Target Participants

Undergraduate and graduate students from agricultural universities and research institutions worldwide, including members of the A20 Alliance and comparable institutions.

2. Required Qualifications

- Strong interest in agricultural science, technology, and innovation
- Good command of English for academic communication
- Commitment to contributing to global food security and sustainable agricultural development

V. Program Fees

Covered by China Agricultural University:

- Accommodation during the Winter Camp
- Group transportation within the program
- Group meals during program activities



Covered by Participants:

- International/domestic travel to and from Sanya
- Personal insurance
- Any additional personal expenses

VI. Application Procedure

➤ Application Deadline: December 15, 2025

➤ Required Documents:

- Curriculum vitae (CV)
- First page of passport with photo
- Certificate of highest academic degree or certificate of schooling
- Academic transcript
- Proof of English proficiency

Note: All certificates must be original or notarized in Chinese or English. Otherwise, please provide notarized documents with Chinese or English translation.

➤ Submission:

Please send the application materials by email with the subject line "Applicant's Name & 2026 Future Agriculture Winter Camp".

- Contact: Ms. Lou Huanyu, louhuanyu@cau.edu.cn

VII. Interview and Admission Process

- Application Review: Completed by December 16, 2025
- Interview Notification: Issued on December 17, 2025
- Online Interviews: Conducted on December 18, 2025
- Admission Results: Official admission letters will be sent via email by the International office of CAU upon completion of interviews.



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Introduction to China Agricultural University

China Agricultural University (CAU) is a key university directly under the Ministry of Education listed in the national "Double First-class" initiative. Being the origin of China's modern agricultural higher education, CAU's history dates back to the Imperial University of Peking Agricultural University founded in 1905.

Going through more than a century of vicissitudes, CAU has developed itself as a world leading university in agricultural disciplines. In recent years, CAU was ranked among the top 10 in the world agricultural discipline, a ranking conducted by QS, US News and Shanghai Ranking's Academic Ranking of World Universities, and its nine disciplines, including biology, agricultural engineering, food science and engineering, crop science, agricultural resources and environment, plant protection, zootechnics, veterinary medicine and grass science, have been rated as national first-class disciplines. CAU has a strong faculty, which consists of more than 1700 professors and associate professors, 23 doctoral and 33 master's degree first-level disciplines and 76 undergraduate majors. At present, it has an enrollment of 12,000 postgraduate students and 13,000 undergraduate students.

CAU has significantly accelerated the opening up of education to the outside world over the recent years and has established friendly cooperative relations with 242 universities, research institutions and international organizations in 52 countries and regions in Asia, Africa, Latin America, Europe and America. In order to promote the development of world-class universities, CAU has established the "World's Top Agricultural University Alliance (A5 Alliance)" in collaboration with Cornell University in the United States, Wageningen University in the Netherlands, University of California, Davis in the United States and University of São Paulo in Brazil. In close alignment with the "Belt and Road" Initiative and the "China-Africa Cooperation" initiative, CAU organized 40 domestic and 35 foreign agricultural and forestry universities to jointly form the "Belt and Road" Agricultural Education Science and Technology Innovation Alliance, and set up 11 "Belt and Road" agricultural cooperation centers relying on the alliance. Furthermore, the university has maintained long-term cooperative relations with Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), World Food Programme, United Nations Development Programme, United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation, World Bank, African Green Revolution Alliance and other important organizations to jointly carry out policy dialogue, think-tank research, international development projects and other cooperation.