



Guide to finding a suitable preliminary work placement

You're passionate about agriculture, have a bachelor's degree in an unrelated discipline and don't have the required practical experience to start the MSc in Life Sciences in Agricultural Science at BFH-HAFL (MSLS-AS)? No worries! You can do a six-month preliminary work placement on a farm. Here's how to find a good placement farm.

You can find all the necessary documents here: <https://www.bfh.ch/en/studies/preparatory-courses/preliminary-work-placement-master/>

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Step 1: Get an overview	The placement farms can be found on the ' List of placement farms '. These farms are managed by farmers who have good experience with students and can prepare you specifically for your studies.
Step 2: Choose the farm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Do you want to work on an organic or a conventional 'proof of ecological performance' (PEP) farm?• What kind of farm are you interested in? For example, are you specifically interested in dairy farming, arable crops, fruit or vegetable production?• In what region of Switzerland would you prefer to do the placement?• In which language are you able to do the placement (French or German)?
Step 3: First contact	Select a farm and call the farm manager. Is the placement still available? When can you introduce yourself in person?
Step 4: Farm visits	Visit two or three farms of your choice and get a first impression on site. Do you feel comfortable? Do you like the family who runs the farm?
Step 5: Try out / Get an impression	Decide on a farm and try it out for about a week or at least three days. Clarify any open questions about your placement. If you are definitely convinced of this farm, follow step 6. If you do not have a completely good feeling, you should go to one (or more) other farms to get more impressions.
Step 6: Register	As soon as you have decided on a farm, you can register with us. Complete the 'Pre-MSLS-AS work placement registration form' in French or in German and send it to msc-as.hafl@bfh.ch
Step 7: Approval	If we approve the farm and thus your placement, we will send you a contract form for your placement.
Step 8: Placement contract	Fill in three copies of the placement contract together with the farmer: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• One is for you• One for the farmer• One for BFH-HAFL Send ALL three copies to msc-as.hafl@bfh.ch for us to check.

Now, nothing stands in the way of your placement. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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