



# Strawberry Academy

Description of Strawberry Academy work experience levels and the rewards and skills associated with each.

Beginner	Intermediate	Advanced
Rewards		
Current minimum wage	\$0.50 above current minimum wage	\$1.00 above current minimum wage
Featured on Strawberry Center social media platforms	Recieve 20x hand lens and lanyard	Receive APS Compendium of Strawberry Diseases Book
Recieve UC-IPM Guide for Strawberries	Recieve Strawberry Center polo shirt	Recieve professional strawberry field kit
Receive Strawberry Center hat & T-shirt		
Meet with CAFES Career Services and complete MBTI		
Skills		
Basic crop production skills	Operate irrigation systems	Become trained and competent at sprayer calibration
Learn strawberry plant anatomy	Practice public communication with Center visitors	Complete pesticide safe handling training
Take basic food safety training	Take on a mentor role	Practice ag math in fertilizer and pesticide rates
Package clamshells of strawberries	Complete upper level AEPS class taught by Center faculty/staff, or work additional 60 work hours	Participate in assisting with a field research trial
Take WPS training for agriculture employees	Learn strategies for resilience in personal and professional settings	Understand and communicate positive social and environmental responsibilities of today's farmers
Proficiently read basic agriculture financial statements	Name and identify common strawberry pests and diseases in the field	Acquire advanced training in strawberry food safety and postharvest handling
Complete 6 months or 130 hours of work		Perform public speaking in a field day forum
		Practice job interview and resume skills
		3-5 minute oral presentation to Center staff on strawberry topic