Explore SWP.

Your college experience begins with finding the right major. One that sparks your interests, builds on your talents and leads you to the career you’ve always wanted. The Science with Practice program gives you the opportunity to build upon your interests and career goals.

Students work closely with faculty and staff on a specific project, gaining hands-on experience relevant to their chosen career path while receiving academic credit and money for the work.

For more information, visit: www.ageds.iastate.edu/content/science-practice-swp

Mentor benefits.

Be a mentor in the Science with Practice program and help train the next generation of colleagues. This unique program puts ownership of a project in the hands of students as they gain real-world experience.

- Matching funds provided by Science with Practice program
- Better trained and informed workforce
- More open communication lines with student employees
- Opportunity to attract and develop student interest in research and related professional activities

“The program provides a structured research experience for the student and opportunity for members of my laboratory and myself to work with some of the future innovators and leaders in our discipline. For the students, the opportunity to earn credit and money is a win-win situation. For faculty members, having 50 percent of the student's salary paid for is a major draw to the program.”

- Dr. Stephanie Hansen, associate professor, animal science

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**Learning outcomes**

- Acquire technical agricultural and related sciences skills
- Develop skills related to:
  - Data collection
  - Research procedures
  - Human resource management
  - Written and oral communication
  - Time management
  - Organization
  - Team work
  - Data analysis
- Develop an understanding of the linkages between research and practical real-world situations and problems

**Requirements for academic credit**

- Develop a signed learning agreement outlining the purpose, goals and expectations
- Conduct up to 20 hours of experiential learning and work experience per week
- Attend SWP classes (AgEds 312)
- Submit bi-weekly journal entries reflecting on activities and experiences
- Create a portfolio and report as a summary of the SWP experience
- Develop and participate in a poster presentation

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**Get Started.**

- Contact Science with Practice Team (swpteam@iastate.edu)
- Establish mentor/mentee relationship
- Complete and submit application found on the program website.
- Create a student learning agreement
- Register for Science with Practice course (AgEds 312) to earn academic credit
- Accomplish the goals of the program and the individualized learning agreement

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