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**AALP Class 17 Recruitment Begins**

**Guelph, ON, November 14, 2016**–The Advanced Agricultural Leadership Program (AALP) Class 17 recruitment has begun with the introduction of an [online application form](#). Accessible from now until March 17, 2017, the application promises a streamlined process for those interested in applying for the 19-month leadership program.

The application form includes 27 questions, with both short and long-answer questions; it is anticipated that an applicant may fill out the form over a number of sessions. After a review of application materials in March, a selection committee will interview applicants in April at several locations throughout the province. Successful candidates are offered a position in AALP Class 17 in late June.

The Advanced Agricultural Leadership Program, delivered by the Rural Ontario Institute (ROI), is one of the longest running and most successful leadership development programs. Established in 1984, the program is an executive development opportunity for men and women who want to shape the future of the agriculture and food industry and make a positive difference in rural communities across Ontario. To date, there are over 450 AALP graduates using their leadership skills in rural, agriculture and agri-food industries – provincially, nationally and internationally.

During the 19-month program, AALP participants learn about leadership and organizational development theories and practices, government and political processes, economics, trade policy, global affairs, sector and industry related issues in Ontario and globally through North American and international study travel components. For more information visit [www.ruralontarioinstitute.ca/aalp](http://www.ruralontarioinstitute.ca/aalp)

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