

# Business Partner Commitment Form

## Class 20 (2023-2025)

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### STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT FROM BUSINESS PARTNER

Your partner is applying to participate in the Advanced Agricultural Leadership Program (AALP) Class 20, a program of the Rural Ontario Institute. Participants will commit significant financial resources, time and energy to this program. This may have an impact on your business.

Your understanding and co-operation will contribute to the success of the program. Investment in leadership pays dividends to the entire agri-food industry and rural communities; it requires commitment from those directly involved and those with whom they interact.

Why would you like to see your business partner selected to participate in the AALP? (Please explain in 50-100 words):

By returning this completed Business Partner Commitment Form, I understand that \_\_\_\_\_ will be away from our business for approximately 50 days between September 2023 and March 2025. During that time, they will participate in distance learning activities, complete a Class project(s) and attend six seminars (3 to 5 days each), approximately five 2.5-hour webinars, 2 virtual workshops, a North American study tour (approximately 8 to 10 days), and an international study tour (10-14 days). One study tour will be in early spring 2023 and the other in winter 2025. This business partner has my support to participate in the Advanced Agricultural Leadership Program (AALP) Class 20.

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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