



MANDELA WASHINGTON FELLOWSHIP
FOR YOUNG AFRICAN LEADERS



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“This is an experience of a lifetime. The [Fellowship] has provided a medium for interacting and networking with each other, sharing our dreams and aspirations...I am so privileged to be a part of this generation that will foster change for the betterment of our families, communities, cities, countries and Africa.”

2016 MANDELA WASHINGTON FELLOW

The Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders, the flagship program of the Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI), empowers young leaders from Sub-Saharan Africa through academic coursework, leadership training, and networking opportunities. The Fellowship provides these outstanding leaders with the opportunity to hone their skills at a U.S. institution of higher education, with support for professional development after they return home.

The Fellows, who are between the ages of 25 and 35, represent the diversity of Africa and have established records of accomplishment in their organizations, communities, and countries.

U.S.-BASED ACTIVITIES

Academic and Leadership Institutes

Each Mandela Washington Fellow takes part in a six-week Academic and Leadership Institute at a U.S. university or college in one of three tracks: Business and Entrepreneurship, Civic Leadership, or Public Management.

Mandela Washington Fellowship Summit

Following the academic residency of the Fellowship, the Fellows visit Washington, D.C., for the Mandela Washington Fellowship Summit. During this event, Fellows participate in networking and panel discussions with each other and U.S. leaders from the public, private, and non-profit sectors.

Professional Development Experience

Up to 100 competitively-selected Fellows remain in the United States after the Summit to participate in individually-tailored six-week professional development experiences at U.S. non-governmental organizations, private companies, and government agencies.

AFRICA-BASED ACTIVITIES

Upon returning to their home countries, Fellows continue to build their leadership skills through support from U.S. embassies, USAID, and affiliated partners. Activities include regional conferences, professional practicum experiences, mentoring, and networking opportunities. Fellows may also apply for their American colleagues to travel to Africa to continue project-based collaboration through the new Reciprocal Exchange component.