



EAC Youth Fellowship

3rd Cohort

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ABOUT THE FELLOWSHIP

The **EAC Youth Fellowship** is a prestigious initiative designed to engage and empower young people in regional integration and leadership within the East African Community (EAC). This fellowship aims to harness the potential of youth and promote their active participation in shaping the future of the region. By offering mentorship, capacity-building activities, and networking opportunities, the EAC Youth Fellowship seeks to nurture the next generation of leaders committed to regional cooperation and development.

The EAC youth fellowship defines the leadership needs and sets the context that is applicable to the EA region. The fellowship is a result of six (6) + years of engaging young people in the EAC region through the YouLead Forum - a joint initiative of the East African Community and MS Training Centre for Development Cooperation (MS TCDC) and JMKF. In particular, the idea of a fellowship developed out of the YouLead Summit 2019 and continues to have a functional connection to the You Lead summit as the fellows still do engage and graduate on day one of the summit and the business idea pitching happens on day two of the summit.

MS TCDC designed the fellowship through its Africa Youth Leadership Program (YouLead Africa), and this was in partnership with the East Africa Community Secretariat, the Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete Foundation, whose founder is also the YouLead Africa patron, the Julius Nyerere Leadership Centre (JNLC), the Emerging Leaders Foundation (ELF) and the Danida Fellowship Centre (DFC).

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- **Age:** Applicants should be between 18-35 years old.
- **Nationality:** Open to all citizens of EAC member states (Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, South Sudan, Burundi, Rwanda, Somalia and The Democratic Republic of Congo)
- **Educational Background:** Minimum of a Bachelor's degree or its equivalent or strong demonstrated leadership potential is required. Additional qualifications related to regional integration, leadership, business, economic governance or relevant fields are highly valued
- Ability to comprehend and use the English Language



APPLICATION PROCESS

Application Deadline: The deadline for submitting applications is Tuesday, 19th August 2025

The Fellowship Starts Mid September 2025.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Applicants must submit the following documents:

- **Answer the Questions as asked in the portal**
- **Resume:** Please provide a comprehensive resume outlining your educational background, work experience, leadership roles, and any relevant achievements or involvements.
- **Cover Letter:** Detailing your interest in regional integration, highlight your experiences related to the EAC's objectives, and articulate your motivation to contribute to the EAC Youth Fellowship.

FELLOWSHIP BENEFITS

- **Mentorship Opportunities:** Engage with experienced mentors who will provide guidance, support and apprenticeship throughout the fellowship.
- **Regional Networks:** Gain access to a network of professionals, policymakers, and fellow youth leaders from across the EAC region.
- **Capacity-Building Activities:** Participate in workshops, training sessions, and seminars focused on enhancing leadership skills, policy understanding, and regional integration knowledge.
- **Financial Support:** Fellows may receive a stipend or allowances to cover their expenses during the fellowship period the details of which will be disclosed to selected participants.

FOR INQUIRIES



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