



Interconnections for Making Africa Great Empowered and Sustainable (IMAGES) Initiative

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Call for Application Africa Graduate Mentorship and Coaching Programme 2021

Introduction

The Africa Graduate Mentorship and Coaching Programme (AGMCP) 2021 is designed for mentoring and coaching graduate-level (masters and PhD students) between 20 and 30 years of age in Africa in the areas of research and professional development. Each successful national from an African country will be assigned to a mentor and life coach in Africa and Diaspora. The life goal and professional profile of mentees and mentors will be matched. The programme for each cohort will run from January to December each year.

The AGMCP is facilitated by the Interconnections for Making Africa Great Empowered and Sustainable (IMAGES) Initiative.

Application Process and Requirements

A maximum of two candidates will be selected per country each year. Interested graduate students in any African university should visit: <http://imagesinitiatives.org/africa-graduate-mentorship-and-coaching-programme-2021/> to apply. You would need to upload a copy of curriculum vitae, a motivation letter and valid means of identification.

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Application opens on 1 November 2020 and closes on 30 November 2020. Successful applicants will be contacted via email by 15 December 2020.

View what some members of the last cohort are saying about the programme overleaf.

Testimonies



When I reflect on my one year as a fellow of the AGMCP, I conclude that the experience has not only made me a better academic writer, but also prepared me in unpredictable ways for my career. Through online courses, seminars and quizzes with amazingly supportive mentors, I have been able to understand the problems affecting various population groups especially in Africa, including a course on circularity and Covid- 19, which has helped me to think outside my box. There is evidence beyond doubt that over the duration of this mentorship, I have gained a lot of knowledge and practical strategies especially through writing the required publishable articles, a book chapter and a policy Digest. - **Clare Kyomuhendo, – PhD candidate at the University of Ghana.**



Being a fellow of the AGMCP has been a thrilling and stimulating experience. I particularly enjoyed the specially curated training on research writing and publication, career and professional development among others. Applying the teachings and resources culminated in meaningful accomplishments like publishing journal articles and Policy Digest and research publications. I was also able to be a part of a book project contributing to a book chapter. As an emerging academic/researcher, this has been a fellowship in the best and fullest sense of the word. Undoubtedly, I'm emerging from the fellowship with better research clarity and interests, richer network and a sustained relationship with the mentors and members at IMAGES Initiative. - **Gboluwaga Olaomo, University of Ibadan, Nigeria**



The experience had been very exciting and challenging. Challenging, I mean it has brought out the resilient part of me. I learnt the art of following a designated assignment to a logical conclusion. I was exposed to resilience because to us at IMAGES all things are achievable, so far as you set your heart at it. The Board of Trustees are all warm and welcoming, giving me room to effectively perform my duties while working directly with the President. It is exciting because I have been able to build research capacity via different training activities both online and on-site. I enjoyed networking with other researchers outside my field, and the rapport with other administrative staff is one that will go on after this phase of life. - **Dr Omobolaji Obisesan, Visiting Post – Doctoral Fellow**