



Professional Fellows Program Call for Applicants

Advancing Young Women Agribusiness Entrepreneurs and Innovators:

A Tanzania-Kenya-Uganda-U.S. Partnership

This Professional Fellows Program is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs Professional Fellows Division and administered by Michigan State University (U.S.), Sokoine University of Agriculture (Tanzania), University of Nairobi (Kenya), and Kyambogo University (Uganda). The goal of the program is to build capacity and skills in agro-entrepreneurship and agri-food system innovation and learn about issues of women's economic empowerment. Kenyan, Tanzanian and Ugandan fellows will develop their leadership capacity and professional skills through a **fully funded four-week fellowship program in the U.S.**

Who Should Apply

- Women entrepreneurs, social innovators, or small and medium business owners or managers and other leaders working in the agriculture and food sectors
- Individuals (of any gender) in civil society and NGOs working on programs that support women in the agriculture and food sectors in their respective countries
- Policymakers, ministry employees, and others in the public sector (of any gender) focused on supporting and improving opportunities for women in the agriculture or food sector
- Academic staff (of any gender) who are implementing programs to impact advancing women in the agriculture and food sectors

Eligibility Requirements

- 25-40 years old
- A citizen, national, or permanent resident of Tanzania, Kenya, or Uganda
- Is living and working in Tanzania, Kenya, or Uganda at the time of the application
- Speaks fluent English
- Has at least 2 years of professional/working experience in their field
- Has demonstrated leadership and collaborative skills and a commitment to community
- Has employer's support for participating in the program (for those not self-employed). For those self-employed, has recommendation from local authorities at the district and/or community levels
- Is interested in participating in a reciprocal program for American participants coming to your country
- Preference will be given to those who are in an earlier stage of their careers
- Preference will be given to applicants who have not previously had the opportunity to travel to the US

The initial application for the program will remain open until December 8, 2017.

Interviews for selected finalists will take place in January 2018.

Spring 2018 program dates: April 27 - June 1

Fall 2018 program dates: October 12 - November 17

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Applications are available at <http://aap.isp.msu.edu/engagement/news-activities/advancing-young-women-professional-fellows-program/>