



Application Guidelines

The Initiative

The AWARD Leadership Program for Emerging African Women in Agricultural Sciences seeks to build a pool of capable, confident, influential young women scientists equipped to excel in agricultural sciences, thrive in leadership roles, and champion gender integration in agriculture. The program, offered exclusively via virtual platforms, is a nine-month non-residential career transformative program.

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for this Fellowship, applicants must meet all the eligibility criteria outlined below:

- Aged 35 years or younger at the time of application
- Have at least a bachelor's degree or equivalent in any agricultural science discipline from a recognized university
- Have at least five years of agricultural sector experience
- Be a citizen of the following countries: **Ethiopia, Kenya, Ghana, Nigeria and Malawi**
- Reside in Africa and be currently actively engaged in agriculture-related professional work
- Not a Fellow or Laureate of any other Fellowships offered by AWARD

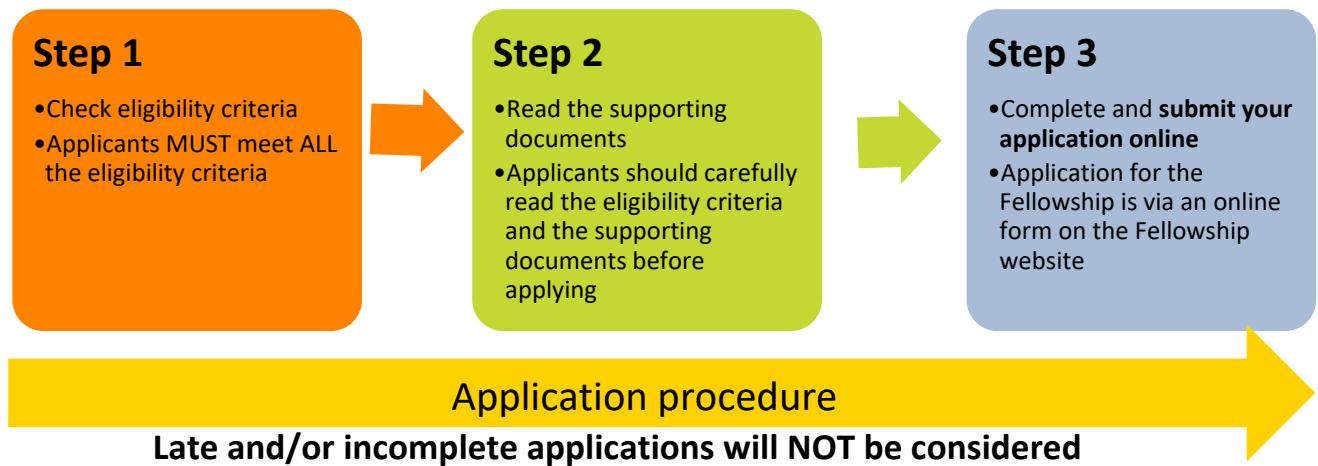
Pre-conditions for Participation

Notification of a Fellowship offer to the successful applicant does not guarantee participation in the Fellowship. Participation will be upon the applicant's:

- Provision of details of the institution's head or responsible supervisor that shall endorse their participation in the Fellowship activities
- Submission of the required documentation (proof of citizenship, e.g, copies of passport and academic certificates) to support information provided in the application form
- Acceptance of the AWARD's code of conduct
- Timely official communication to AWARD to accept the offer and their participation in any other capacity building programs

Application Procedure

The call for the Fellowship **opens on December 12, 2024, and closes on February 12, 2025, at 2359hrs EAT**. Late and/or incomplete applications will NOT be considered. The application process will include the following steps:



Supporting Documents

- Frequently Asked Questions -FAQs ([download here](#))

Important Dates to Note

- Call for Applications open- December 12, 2024
- Call for Applications close- February 12, 2025
- Selected Participants notified- April 2025
- Inaugural Cohort begins- May 2025

About AWARD

African Women in Agricultural Research and Development (AWARD) envisions transformative change toward gender-responsive solutions that will catalyze lasting impact for equitable agri-food systems for women and men smallholders. We are investing in women's leadership to foster equality in AR4D, equipping AR4D professionals to integrate gender in their work, strengthening institutions to adopt gender-responsive policies and practices, and impacting the enabling environment to enhance gender responsiveness.

About AWARD Training

AWARD's training courses reflect our commitment to unlocking the potential of scientific innovation for agriculture-driven inclusive growth and prosperity. Available to participants from all over the world, AWARD training courses cover a broad base of knowledge and skills designed to leave participants enlightened, empowered, and inspired to make significant positive impacts on their careers and on the institutions for which they work. AWARD has invested heavily in building a pool of highly qualified trainers equipped with the skills and tools needed to deliver AWARD courses at global standards.

Our Partners

The AWARD Leadership Program for Emerging African Women in Science is funded by the Carnegie Corporation of New York (CCNY) and implemented under the umbrella of AWARD's Global Forum of Women in Scientific Research (GoFoWiSeR). GoFoWiSeR is designed to address the systemic causes of the gender gap in STEM and spotlight the strategies and approaches that can improve the numbers and experiences of women in STEM.

For more information, visit our website: www.awardfellowships.org

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