

Profile



Ibukunoluwa Balogun
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Position:
PhD Candidate

Organization:
Stellenbosch University,
South Africa

Field of research:
Conservation Ecology

Leadership Program for Emerging African Women in Science

Preserving Pollinator Diversity in Urban Areas



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After taking a course in conservation as an undergraduate student, Ibukunoluwa Balogun was inspired to pursue research in the field. Today, as a PhD candidate, her research is focused on enhancing floral mixes within fragmented urban landscapes and assess whether the increase in floral resources buffers the overall landscape effect of urbanisation on pollinator diversity.

Ibukunoluwa's desire to participate in the AWARD Leadership Program for Emerging African Women in Science stemmed from her interest in bridging the gaps between research, policy, and practice in conservation science, especially in Africa. "I developed presentation, proposal writing, mentorship and gender inclusive research skills. These skills have helped me become a better presenter and writer," she says.

As someone who benefitted from the opportunity to carve out her career path during the program, she says, "I would encourage any young woman to apply for the program as it helps you in proper evaluation and career trajectory mapping."

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