



## Application Guidelines

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### 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 non-residential career transformative program spanning nine-months.

### Eligibility Criteria

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

- Aged 35 years or younger at the time of application
- Have at least a bachelors degree or equivalent in any agricultural science discipline from a recognized university
- Have at least five years agricultural sector experience
- Be a citizen of the following countries: **Benin, Burkina Faso, Cote d'Ivoire, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Nigeria, Senegal, Tanzania, and Zambia**
- 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

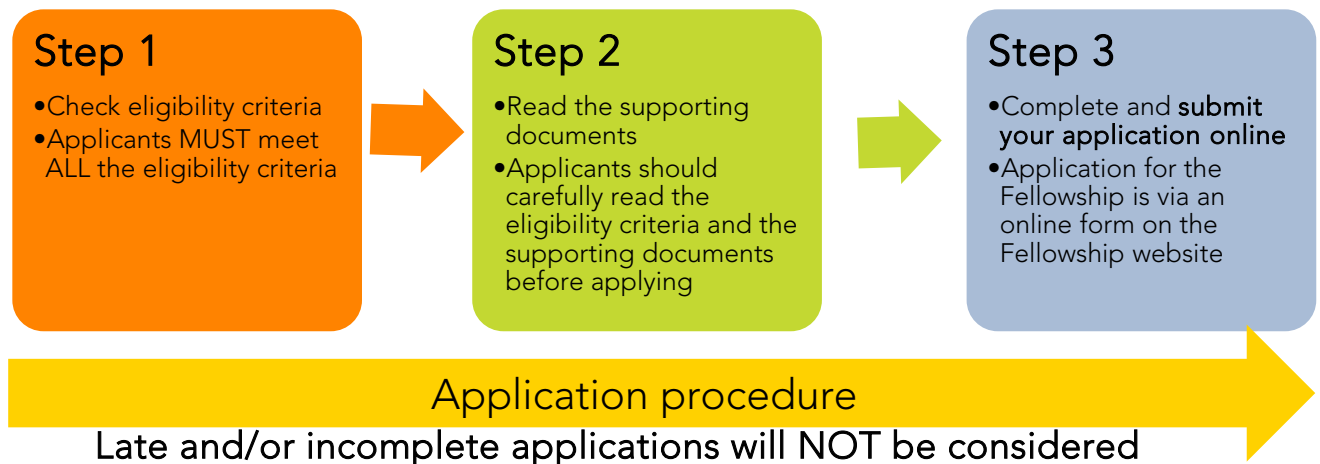
Notification of a leadership program offer to the successful applicant does not guarantee participation in the Fellowship. Participation will be upon the applicant's:

- 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 September 9, 2025, and closes on October 15, 2025, at 23:59hrs EAT**. Late and/or incomplete applications will NOT be considered.

The application process will include the following steps:



## Supporting Documents

- Frequently Asked Questions - [FAQs](#)

## Important Dates to Note

- Call for Applications open- September 9, 2025
- Call for Applications close- October 15, 2025
- Selected Participants notified- Mid-December 2025
- Leadership Program begins- January 2026

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