

She Leads African Food Futures (SHEAF) Fellowship

- FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: When does the call to apply for the She Leads African Food Futures (SHEAF) Fellowship open?

A: The application period for the She Leads African Food Futures (SHEAF) Fellowship begins on **December 16, 2025**, and closes on **January 31, 2026, 23:59 East Africa Time (GMT+3)**. Only complete applications submitted within this period will be accepted. Late submissions will NOT be accepted.

Q: How can I access the application form?

A: Application for the She Leads African Food Futures (SHEAF) Fellowship is via an [online form](#) available on the [AWARD website](#).

Q: Is it possible for me to make any changes to my application after submitting it?

A: No, all submitted applications are final and cannot be amended through the online system or via email.

Q: Do I have to attach supplementary documents such as official academic transcripts/certificates to support my application?

A: No, you do not need to upload academic qualifications documents during the application process. The information provided in the application form is adequate for evaluation during the selection process. However, successful applicants will be required to submit their academic certificates, identification documents, and a letter of endorsement from their institution after selection to verify the information provided in the application form.

Q: Who is eligible for the She Leads African Food Futures (SHEAF) Fellowship?

A: African women professionals in agrifood systems who are citizens of Kenya, Malawi, and Senegal.

Q: Do I need to be working in policy to apply for the She Leads African Food Futures (SHEAF) Fellowship?

A: No. Applicants could be working on programs or projects in agriculture and food systems at organizational, national, regional, or continental levels, and not only on policy.

Q: I am a citizen of an eligible country, but I work in another country. Do I qualify to apply?

A: Yes, you qualify if you will be available in Africa throughout the Fellowship period, should you be chosen.

Q: I am currently working and/or a resident in the countries mentioned, but I am not a citizen. Am I eligible for the She Leads African Food Futures (SHEAF) Fellowship?

A: Sorry, no. The Fellowship is specifically for women professionals in agrifood systems who are citizens of the African countries listed above.

Q: I am an MSc student and expect to complete my studies soon. Do I qualify for the Fellowship?

A: Yes, you qualify for the Fellowship if you will graduate with your master's by the start of the Fellowship and if you have a professional role in an eligible organization. Please indicate that on the application.

Q: In what language will the Fellowship be delivered?

A: The Fellowship will be delivered exclusively in English. Applicants must demonstrate a sufficient level of English proficiency (reading, writing, and speaking) to effectively participate in the Fellowship.

Q: What are the essential tips to have an outstanding application?

A: To distinguish your application from many other high-quality competitors, you must demonstrate leadership potential and aspiration to transform agrifood systems, explain the challenges or questions you are working on either at the program or policy level; show how you have played a leadership role in policy and program development, implementation, advocacy, particularly in projects at the nexus of agricultural development, food systems, and gender equality.

The She Leads African Food Future is a career development program growing a pool of confident, capable, and influential African women to lead the design and implementation of gender-responsive policies and programs in Africa. The Fellowship is an initiative of AGRA through the VALUE4HER initiative and implemented by the African Women in Agricultural Research and Development (AWARD).