

Mandela Washington Fellowship Young African Leaders Initiative Student Coordinator

Organization: Staley School of Leadership Studies

Website: <https://youngafricanleaders.state.gov/washington-fellowship/partnership-information/>

Program Description: The Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI) is a signature effort to invest in the next generation of African leaders. Nearly 1 in 3 Africans are between the ages of 10 and 24, and approximately 60 percent of Africa's total population is below the age of 35. Former President Obama launched YALI in 2010 to support young African leaders as they spur growth and prosperity, strengthen democratic governance, and enhance peace and security across Africa. The Mandela Washington Fellowship started in 2014.

The Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders brings 1000 dynamic young African leaders, ages 25-35, from across the continent to the United States for 6 weeks of leadership training and mentoring at thirty U.S. universities and colleges in three areas: business and entrepreneurship, civic engagement, and public administration. Selected from over 37,000 applications, participants in the 2024 Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders represent the extraordinary promise of an emerging generation of entrepreneurs, activists, and public officials. Upon returning to their home countries, the Fellows have access to professional development opportunities, mentoring, networking and training, and seed funding to support their ideas, businesses, and organizations.

Position Details: The Staley School of Leadership at Kansas State University will host 25 Fellows for a six week (June 19 – July 28) summer institute on civic leadership. The student coordinator position will be from June 5 through July 31, 2024. Coordinators will work between 15-20 hours a week at a rate of \$12.00/hour.

Position Objectives: To support the Young African Leaders Initiative through direct work with program logistics and community building with the Mandela Washington Fellows.

Responsibilities: The coordinator position is responsible for working directly with Staley School staff to facilitate the summer institute. Job duties will include:

- Coordination and implementation of program logistics
- Driving Fellows in 15 passenger vans (must have a valid driver's license)
- Supporting daily tasks of the institute (copying, recording notes, preparing for events, etc.)
- Working with the Fellows daily through participation in cultural and community events and service
- Ability to complete other duties as assigned which may include clerical work, public relations and social media work, event planning and preparation, facilitation of discussions, or more.

Qualifications:

- A valid driver's license
- A student in good standing with Kansas State University
- Must be available to work daily from June 5 – July 31, 2024
- Must have housing in Manhattan, KS for the summer

Paid Time Commitment: 15-20 hours per week

Direct Supervisor: Del'Sha Roberts, Programming Director

Work Location: The Staley School of Leadership building

Work Hours: M-F, weekends and evenings based on campus/community activities will also be frequent

*Through submission of an application you affirm that you are not currently, nor have been during your tenure at Kansas State University, in violation of the [University Code of Conduct](#). If you have been investigated for a violation of the University Code of Conduct or have been found guilty of a violation, please disclose this information in your application.

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