

The 3-day business experience brings together a cohort of high potential founders of Africa focused start-ups, entrepreneurs and leaders with bold business ideas.

Who May Apply?

We welcome applicants of any age, gender or sector from anywhere in the world. Your business, project or idea must have a focus on Africa or operate in Africa.

successful applicants receive:

- 2-day training session and conference materials
- one year of mentoring from a business coach
- conference accommodations and meals
- up to US \$700 in travel reimbursements
- unlimited access to entrepreneurial content and virtual events

- lifetime membership to the ELISA business network
- refine and implement a business plan
- build and strengthen your network
- increase visibility for your business, project or idea
- gain access to business leaders

Each scholar is assigned a business leader as their coach for the one-year ELISA Scholars program. With their coaches, scholars attend an immersive training session led by business experts and industry leaders to advance their ideas, refine their business strategy, and create jobs.

ELISA Scholars are trained to manage business financials, develop an investor presentation and elevator pitch. After the training session, ELISA Scholars continue to meet with their coaches virtually, once a month for a year to ensure continued refinement and implementation of a business plan. They stay connected using the online ELISA portal.

1 DEC 2023

Start of the call for applicants for the 2024 cohort of Scholars

28 JUN 2024

Application deadline and Scholar selection period begins

2 AUG 2024

Announcement of the 2024 ELISA Scholars cohort

12-14 NOV 2024

ELISA Scholars attend the 2024 training session



