

**LEADERSHIP FOR INNOVATION AND EXCELLENCE IN ACCELERATING  
RESEARCH ON WOMEN'S HEALTH (LEA-WH) PROGRAM**

*A Giant Step Forward for Women's Health in Africa.*

## **OFFLINE APPLICATION WORKSHEET**

### **2026 LEA-WH Fellowship Application**

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#### **Overview:**

In the 2026 LEA-WH Fellowship Application, you will encounter a series of questions organized into different sections. This document provides an overview of each section and includes the short-answer questions that will appear in the application. While it serves as a helpful starting point, please note that it may not include every question in the final application.

Applicants typically spend the majority of their time on short-answer questions. We recommend reviewing the application once it becomes available to fully understand its scope. This Offline Application Worksheet can be used to draft, edit, and refine your responses to the short-answer questions before the application opens.

#### **Use of AI:**

We acknowledge that generative AI tools can be beneficial for applicants, especially those facing linguistic, structural, or accessibility barriers, and we encourage their thoughtful use. However, our reviewers place a high value on authenticity, personal reflection, and a clear connection to the applicant's lived experiences. Applications that appear to be primarily or entirely generated by AI, with little or no human input, may be considered less competitive or even ineligible.

#### **Eligibility Criteria:**

In this section, you will be asked a series of questions about yourself, including your working areas, whether you are a citizen of an African Country, whether you are in the mid-career phase, and if you are currently working or intending to work in Africa, and your English Competency.

#### **Personal Information.**

In this section, you will be asked a series of questions about yourself, including, but not limited to, your country of residence.

#### **Education**

In this section, you will be asked about your highest terminal degree, your speciality and the date the degree was awarded.

#### **Area of Work**

In this section, you will be asked about Post-degree work experience and the years involved in Women's Health research or product development/innovation. You will also select your sector/industry and the role you play in the chosen industry.

This section will also allow you to outline your women's health technical priority area and to describe your work to date in the field of Women's Health.



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## **Track Related Questions**

If interested in the Reproductive Health Researchers Track, you will be required to indicate your role, three publications with at least one as the first author, and whether you have a grant/funding. Supporting files, if any, will also be uploaded in this section.

If interested in the Reproductive Health Researchers Track, you will be required to provide a description of a women's health innovation concept, your existing prototype or solution. You will also be required to provide Data or evidence of a viable product. Supporting files, if any, will also be uploaded in this section.

## **Fellowship Proposal:**

- Title of Proposal/Concept note (65 words)  
*[Start your answer here.]*
- Summary of Proposed Research/Innovation (400 Words)  
*[Start your answer here.]*
- Expected impact/significance in women's health (200 words)  
*[Start your answer here.]*
- Relevance to African context (200 words)  
*[Start your answer here.]*
- Brief Description of Experience in Women's Health Research or Product Development/Innovation (200 words)  
*[Start your answer here.]*

## **Collaboration and Multidisciplinary Partnerships**

- Past or present engagement with partnerships (with evidence and proof of network)  
*[Start your answer here.]*

## **Leadership Experience**

- Examples of emerging leadership experience\* (Technical leadership experience, e.g., Technical Working Groups-TWG or boards, supervision or line management, community initiative or change initiative)  
*[Start your answer here.]*



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**Document Uploads:**

You will be asked to upload the following documents

- Personal statement (500 words)

*Why does the fellowship matter to you? How will the fellowship transform your career? Indicate the time availability for the fellowship, and highlight personal alignment with LEA-WH goals.*

- CV/Resume (PDF)
- Proof of Terminal Degree (PDF)
- Publications or Business Plan Concept Note (PDF/Word)
- Any other relevant supporting documents

**Referees**

You will be required to provide the details of your referees. We will contact them directly at the email addresses provided to complete a brief survey and/or submit a letter of reference in support of your fellowship application. You are encouraged to notify your referees in advance and to confirm that all email addresses provided are current and active.

- **Referee 1:** From Institutional Supervisor/Line manager  
(must confirm institutional support, explicitly indicating that the applicant will be given time off duties to fulfill fellowship requirements)
- **Referee 2:** Professional or academic referee

**Note:** *Your application will not be complete until all referees have submitted their responses. You can change referees if the proposed one takes longer than expected.*

**Video Interview Consent:**

In this Section, you will be asked to consent to a video interview if shortlisted and to indicate whether you will be available virtually during the interview period, which will be from 30th March to 2nd April 2026.

**Declaration:**

Here you will be required to certify the truthfulness of all information provided and append your eSignature and date.

