

### 1) Globacom/SMEDAN SMEs Empowerment Programme

About 17m Nigerians are set to benefit from Globacom SMEs Empowerment Programme and is opened to all Small and Medium Scale Entrepreneurs. To achieve this, Globacom has partnered with the Small and Medium Enterprises Development Agency of Nigeria (SMEDAN) to support 17 million small and medium business owners in the country.

The partnership which will cover about 17 million entrepreneurs under SMEDAN is seen as a huge stimulus to boost economic growth in the country.

### 2) Kickstart Nigeria

Kickstart is a youth (18-35) entrepreneurship programme implemented in: South Africa, Botswana, Lesotho, Swaziland & Tanzania.

The programme is aimed at creating a culture of entrepreneurship among young people by promoting business awareness and material support through:

- Developing business skills through training
- Providing grants as start-up capital (new businesses )
- Grants to support expansion of existing businesses
- Providing post investment support (mentoring & coaching)
- The programme funds youth owned businesses through business training, seed capital, post investment support (mentoring and coaching). Entrepreneurs with the strongest business case win grant funding.

Business requirements are paid directly to suppliers by SABMiller. The programme is intended to empower the youth to create their own jobs. Visit [www.ibpkickstart.com](http://www.ibpkickstart.com)

### 3) Etisalat Easybusiness Millionaires Hunt 2nd Edition(2015)

**Easybusiness Millionaires Hunt** is designed to reward SMEs with the most viable business ideas, fantastic gift items such as business grants worth **N20m**, free training courses on entrepreneurial management and advisory services from the esteemed “Enterprise Development Centre” of the Pan Atlantic University, office equipments and Smartphones to kick off their business

#### Prizes

- N2 million each for the TOP ten business ideas.
- The top 50 will be rewarded with free business trainings at the Enterprise Development Centre(EDC) & office equipments.
- Over 200 Smartphone’s to be won throughout the promo duration.

For more enquiries, please send us an email on [easybusiness@etisalat.com.ng](mailto:easybusiness@etisalat.com.ng)

#### 4) YouWIN

YouWiN! stands for Youth Enterprise with Innovation in Nigeria. It is an innovative business plan competition aimed at job creation by encouraging and supporting aspiring entrepreneurial youths in Nigeria to develop and execute business ideas. It was launched in year 2011 to identify young and creative entrepreneurs with innovative business ideas to be empowered by the Federal Government to create employment opportunities for the teaming unemployed youths in Nigeria and to help reduce the rate of crime and youth restiveness.

Due to the change in administration, the faith of YouWIN programme is in doubt. Since you are one of the pro members, you don't need to worry; I will keep you posted if I have any news on YouWIN. You can also monitor it on [www.youwin.org.ng](http://www.youwin.org.ng)

#### 5) African Entrepreneurship Award- Win \$1million

Are you an African citizen with a **business idea** that will **create jobs** and **improve lives** in Africa?

Will it improve **education** or the **environment**, or solve a problem that is **uncharted**?

The African Entrepreneurship Award will help you start or grow your **business to create jobs and impact Africa**.

Every entrepreneur needs more than money. You need mentors to come alongside you, **advise you, ask hard questions, encourage you, comfort you, and help you persevere**.

#### Eligibility

**You, the entrepreneur, must meet the following criteria as you submit your business proposal:**

- You must be a **citizen of an African country**
- You must be a **minimum of 18 years old** as of October 1, 2015
- Your business must be **applicable in an African country**
- Your business must be relevant to one of these categories:
  - **Education** – positively impact education in Africa
  - **Environment** – positively impact the environment in Africa
  - **Uncharted** – a high-impact business venturing into unexplored territory or untested markets

Interested applicants should visit [The African Entrepreneurship Award website](http://TheAfricanEntrepreneurshipAwardwebsite.com) to apply. Visit [www.africanentrepreneurshipaward.com](http://www.africanentrepreneurshipaward.com) to apply

Deadline: 30th June, 2015 and May/June every year

## 6) DEMO Africa Business Plan Competition

DEMO Africa allows start-ups from all over Africa to meet VCs, investors, tech acquisition specialists, IT buyers and media from across the region and around the globe. The start-ups are given an opportunity to launch their products to a tech eco-system under the following categories:

- 7) Agriculture
- 8) Health
- 9) Education
- 10) Manufacturing
- 11) Retail
- 12) Media and Entertainment
- 13) Communication
- 14) Transport and Logistics
- 15) Energy
- 16) Finance and Banking
- 17) Water and Sanitation
- 18) Waste Management and Recycling.

[Apply for DEMO Africa 2015](#) and you might be next!

Deadline: 10 June 2015 or May/June every year.

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## Co-Creation Hub (CcHub) Call for Ideas in Nigeria 2015

Co-Creation Hub (CcHub) is a launch pad for start-ups, transforming ideas to sustainable ventures that solve real Nigerian problems. To date CcHub has supported the development and launch of more than 50 innovative technology startups solving social challenges in Nigeria. Some of the startups CcHub has supported are BudgiT, Traclist, Efiko, Truppr just to mention a few.

### **How to Apply:**

Interested entrepreneur should visit the link below to apply

[Apply for CcHub's Call for Ideas](#)

# **Grants, Business Plan Competitions and Empowerment Programme For Women Entrepreneurs**

## **World Bank and EDC WomenX Entrepreneurs Scholarship**

The World Bank in collaboration with the Enterprise Development Centre is giving Scholarship to Female Entrepreneurs in Nigeria through the WomenX Program. The WomenX program is aimed at providing practical business education through a blended learning approach for 5 months, a 6-month face-to-face and online mentoring, help strengthen their networks and create linkages to access finance. Over a 3 year period, a total number of 500 female entrepreneurs will be awarded this scholarship in Nigeria.

### **Selection Criteria**

- Company must be owned/managed by a Female
- Functional Business (at least 6 months in Operation)
- Business must have high Growth Potential
- High Local Value add and Content

[Click here](#) to start the application process.

You can also log on to:

[www.edcradioonline.com](http://www.edcradioonline.com) or <http://nigeria.smetoolkit.org> to download and fill the [Application form](#).

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## **She Leads Africa 2015 Business Plan Pitch Competition**

The She Leads Africa business pitch competition provides a platform for the most promising female entrepreneurs in Africa to connect to prominent mentors, business funding and new market opportunities.

We're looking for businesses:- With at least one female member on the founding team between the ages of 18 and 35

- Have received less than \$50,000 in funding?
- Less than 3 years old
- Focused on the African market or diaspora
- Have already begun operations. Entrepreneurs at the idea stage are not eligible to apply

The top applicants will be invited to Lagos to pitch their business ideas in front of a panel of notable business personalities for the chance to win cash and in kind prizes as well as exclusive meetings with angel investors, prominent venture capitalists and other leading professional mentors and sponsors.

### *How to Apply for She Leads Africa*

Interested applicants can apply online by filling the application form. [Click here to start your application](#)

Deadline: Applications close on June 30, 2015. Or Every June

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#### **House of Tara Women Empowerment Programme**

Women empowerment programme by House of Tara to empower those who love make up and are passionate about helping people look good.

If you have been looking for opportunity to empower yourself and be financially independent, this is the opportunity to get first class training and mentoring to kickstart your business.

**Beauty Business on the Go (BBOG)** is an initiative by Africa's leading make up brand, House of Tara in partnership with FCMB. This initiative is aimed at recruiting and empowering 5,000 women to become beauty representatives and as such create job opportunities for themselves.

Attendees will be offered financial advisory, trainings, marketing support, accounting, entrepreneurship, customer service and other skills necessary to grow their business.

They will also have an opportunity to learn how to become makeup artists.

The project will be executed nationwide and trainings will be held in Lagos, Abuja, Adana, Uyo, PH, Benin, Enugu, Ilorin, Ibadan, Kano and Kaduna.

#### **How to Apply**

If you are interested in this opportunity, [click here](#) to apply or visit <http://beauty-reps.houseoftara.com/register>

**Applications for the CloudPreneur Project open on Friday 20th of March and close on Sunday 19th of April 2015.**

**To apply, visit: <https://mentor.mara.com/>**

#### **Funding Opportunity and Business Development at DEMO Africa 2015**

Are you a startup with innovative idea or concept looking for funding opportunity? Do you have a good idea with massive potential to scale? If your answer is yes, congratulation because you have the opportunity of making your dream come true in 2015 and DEMO Africa is the platform to achieve your dream.

**Apply today and launch your company at DEMO Africa 2015!**

#### **\$75,000 Anzisha Prize Award for Young Entrepreneurs**

Applications for the Anzisha Prize, Africa's premier award for its youngest entrepreneurs, are now open for 2015. The award is looking for African entrepreneurs between the ages of 15 and 22 who have started and are actively running innovative social ventures or for-profit businesses with potential.

In addition to US\$75,000 in cash prizes up for grabs, 12 finalists will win an all-expenses paid trip to South Africa to be a part of a week-long entrepreneurship workshop and conference at the prestigious African Leadership Academy in Johannesburg. And past finalists of the Anzisha Prize have since benefited from media exposure, funding, access to business networks, and mentorship.

The Anzisha Prize judging panel is looking for ventures that demonstrate ingenuity, scale and positive impact.

The programme is supported by The [African Leadership Academy](#) (ALA) and [MasterCard Foundation](#)

The programme is closing on April 15, 2015

Interested applicant can [apply here](#).

## Get N3.5 Million From Microsoft Young Entrepreneurs Programme by Submitting a Viable Business Idea.

As part of its commitment to supporting the development of entrepreneurship in Nigeria, **Microsoft Mobile Devices and Services** would be awarding N3.5 Million to 5 Nigerians with brilliant business ideas in its *Microsoft Lumia 535 Dual SIM* activation, tagged “**Passion to Empire**“. The initiative will run from Monday 16th February to Tuesday 31st March 2015.

According to **Joseph Umunakwe** (General Manager, Microsoft Mobile Devices and Services, West Africa) “Passion to Empire” would help young entrepreneurs push their boundaries and test the strength of their ideas.

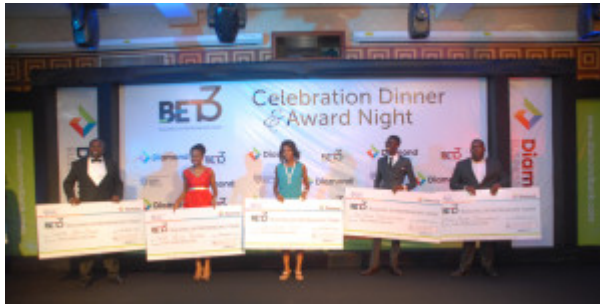
*“Running a start-up is challenging in any environment, so Microsoft wants to empower entrepreneurs in Nigeria who have great business ideas. “Passion to Empire” would not be about a cash grant only. The winners will also be mentored by highly successful celebrity entrepreneurs – **House of Tara’s Tara Fela Durotoye, Chocolate City’s Audu Maikori and Jobberman’s Opeyemi Awoyemi.**”* Umunakwe said.

To participate in “Passion to Empire”, interested entrepreneurs need to do the following;

- Buy the *Microsoft Lumia 535 Dual SIM* or any other Lumia smartphone or tablet
- Make a video detailing how you plan to grow your business
- Label the video with your name and IMEI number
- Upload the video to [www.microsoft.com/mobile](http://www.microsoft.com/mobile).

BET 4 marks another great opportunity for entrepreneurs all over the country in the following industries(Agro allied, Renewable Energy & Information Technology) to present their businesses and innovation and have the opportunity of being selected as one of the top 50 businesses that will be provided with extensive training, mentoring and advisory by the Enterprise Development Centre with the top 5 businesses winning 3 Million naira each

The first phase of the BET programme commenced in 2010 in which Diamond Bank empowered 5 entrepreneur with growth capital of N3 million each after they emerged top 5 from rigorous business training at the ***Enterprise Development Centre (EDC) of the Pan African University.***



### **The programme focus on 3 Core areas**

- 1) Agro allied- Businesses in the agriculture sector
- 2) Information Technology- Technology based businesses
- 3) Renewable Energy- Businesses focused on improving and providing renewable energy

The selection criteria for BET3 and application procedures can be found below:

### **SELECTION CRITERIA**

Selection criteria will be as follows:

1. Applicant must have a fully functional business (at least 3months in operations)
2. Applicant MUST not have attended any entrepreneurial Management program at EDC.
3. The business must have high growth potential.

### **HOW TO APPLY:**

Interested applicants can apply on-line at [Diamond Bank BET 4 application form](http://diamondbet4.com/apply-now/). You can use this link <http://diamondbet4.com/apply-now/>.

### **CAPACITY BUILDING PHASE:**

EDC will be responsible for selecting the best 50 entrepreneurs that will partake in the 3 months Capacity Building Program at the Enterprise Development Centre of the Pan African University. These 50 participants will enjoy the following;

- EDC networking meeting
- Business advisory and counseling session

### **BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PHASE:**

From the 50 entrepreneurs, 15 will be selected as Top Breed Students and they will be further engaged in an Intensive Business Development Support Service for another period of 6 months. This set of 15 students shall be provided with the following services;

- A quarterly consulting session to be provided by experts in various fields
- Provide monthly monitoring contacts with mentors for participants



- Provide a mentor for each participant who shall be a second year MBA student at the Lagos Business School.
- Organize a platform for participant's review of their plans with the University.

### **NEXT LEVEL AWARD:**

From the 15 Top students entrepreneurs, EDC will select 5 outstanding entrepreneurs that will be given the “*Next Level Award*”. Diamond Bank will reward the 5 outstanding entrepreneurs with a sum of N3 million Naira each as their growth capital for their businesses.

- An Award / Prize Presentation ceremony will be organized by the Bank to showcase the 5 outstanding entrepreneurs to the general public.

### **NDDC – ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME**

The Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) in furtherance of its mandate to stimulate enterprise activities in the Niger Delta Region is continuing its **Entrepreneurship Development Programme** with the building of capacity of existing and would-be Entrepreneurs and empowering them with expansion grant at the end of the training. This programme is modeled after the Federal Government **Youwin Programme**.

### **The Programme**

1. Interested Entrepreneurs or would-be Entrepreneurs from the Niger Delta are invited to develop bankable **Business Plans** for **Micro and Small Businesses** that can be deployed in any part of the Niger Delta Region. The businesses can be new businesses or expansion of already established businesses.
2. The Business Plan would include:
  1. Detailed Description of the Business
  2. Location of the Business
  3. Financial Requirements to set up the business and Projected Cashflow on a monthly basis for two (2) years
  4. Equipment required for the Business
  5. Staff requirements, if any
  6. Justification for the Business
3. Applicants will upload their type Business Plan on to the portal
4. Applicants will be shortlisted for final selection
5. Successful Applicants will undergo five (5) days training in designated venues
6. At the end of the training, Expansion Grants will be given to the Trainees to embark on the businesses as contained in their Business Plans
7. Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E) would be carried out on the Businesses for the next one (1) year to ensure sustainability

### **Objectives of the Programme**

The specific objectives for the proposed programme are as follows:

1. Selection of existing and prospective micro and small-scale entrepreneurs from key sectors such as farming, fabrication, industry, vocational, tourism/hospitality, transportation, information, education and sundry services sectors (Barbing, Hair Dressing, Tailoring, Food Vending etc).
2. Provide mentoring and business development training to existing and prospective SMEs in the region in order to make them run more effectively and proficiently.
3. To provide expansion grants to bankable business plans selected through competitive process.
4. To provide pre- and post-mentoring services to the successful entrepreneurs for a period of one year through effective monitoring and evaluation of the business.

<http://nddc-entrepreneurs.com/the-programme/>

#### Innovation Prize for Africa Grant Competition

The IPA is an initiative of the African Innovation Foundation (AIF) started in 2011. IPA honours and encourages innovative achievements that contribute toward developing new products, increasing efficiency or saving cost in Africa. Specifically, the award targets technological breakthroughs in such main concern areas as manufacturing and service industry, health and well-being, agriculture and agribusiness, environment, energy and water and ICTs. To date, there have been two rounds of competition.

#### 2013 Winner of Innovation Prize for Africa

The IPA is focused on:

- Mobilizing leaders from all sectors to fuel African innovation
- Promoting innovation across Africa in key sectors through the competition
- Promoting science, technology and engineering as a rewarding, career path among African youth.
- Encouraging entrepreneurs, innovators, funding bodies and business development service providers to exchange ideas and explore innovative business opportunities.

By providing **USD 150,000** to winners who deliver market-oriented solutions for African-led development, the IPA acknowledges and encourages the endeavor of innovators and entrepreneurs and works to raise their profiles on the development agenda.

**IPA 2014 consists of three prizes:**

- **USD 100,000** for the winner with the best innovation based on marketability, originality, scalability, social impact, utility/technical aspect and clear business potentials
- **USD 25,000** for the runner-up with the best commercial/business potential and
- **USD 25,000** for the Special Prize for Social Innovation with the highest social impact in the community/country.

#### **MTN 2014 Budding Entrepreneur Challenge- N10m Business Grant**

**MTN** once again brings to you **MTN Link Forum**. The Link Forum is a unique engagement platform that has been designed for young professionals and entrepreneurs desirous of opportunities to advance their careers and business. This year's forum is bigger and more exciting with the incorporation of the "**Budding Entrepreneur Challenge**" which is focused on empowering Nigerian progressives with an opportunity to attend the **World Entrepreneurship Conference** and win business grants worth **N10million**.

The 2014 events will be held in 4 key cities across **Nigeria-Enugu, Lagos, Port Harcourt, and Abuja**.

To get an invite to any of the events, send the following **SMS to 5004** Text Message Format: Link Forum, Name, Email, Location

This year, The MTN Link Forum will not only give young professionals and entrepreneurs a chance to meet and exchange ideas with select industry captains, it also gives them a chance to participate in the Budding Entrepreneur Challenge and receive:

- Full sponsorship to the 2014 World Entrepreneurship Forum in Lyon, France
- Business grants worth N10m

Upload your business idea in no more than 2500 words with Ms Word document, covering the below points among other things.

#### **Describe your service and/or product idea**

- What is the problem your idea is designed to solve?

- In particular, describe the key value attributes of the idea.
- Is this Non-Regulated?

**Who are the customer(s), consumer(s), or market(s) for your idea?**

- Is this an existing market segment?
- How familiar is the market to this type of service?

**What is the competitive situation?**

- Who are the competitors, if any, for your idea?
- What are those competitive services and/or products?

**Who are potential business partners?**

- Are there potential business partners, vendors, or experts you have identified

**What are my capital/ investment requirements?**

Visit <http://mtnonline.com/linkforum/register> to apply

**UNESCO Youth Citizen Entrepreneurship Competition**

Youth Citizen Entrepreneurship Competition is a global initiative to empower young entrepreneurs for positive change.

The Youth Citizen Entrepreneurship Competition is an exciting new opportunity to develop your innovative ideas and projects to create positive change in your community and the world. With support and feedback from peers around the world, you can turn your passion for a better world into reality.

The Youth Citizen Entrepreneurship Competition is an international contest launched by The Goi Peace Foundation, Stiftung Entrepreneurship (Berlin) and UNESCO. The competition provides a global platform for young entrepreneurs who aspire to create positive change in their communities.

By highlighting the best examples of youth entrepreneurship, the competition aims to empower the young generation to take the initiative in social innovation and become pioneers

in building a harmonious and sustainable society. With their innovative ideas and leadership, these global citizens will tackle some of the key challenges of today and offer a model of the entrepreneurial potential that will fuel our future.

Aside the monetary benefits that will be given to those that are selected, all participants will receive free training at the online Entrepreneurship Campus. This training provides methods and techniques for developing ideas into solid business models, to turn a budding idea into a fully developed concept, or to improve on an existing business model.

Who can enter:

You are eligible to enter, if:

1. You are between the ages of 15 and 30

AND

2. You have an innovative idea for an enterprise which contributes to the sustainable development of your community, in a field such as:

- o the environment
- o education
- o health
- o poverty reduction
- o peace building
- o cultural diversity
- o sustainable energy
- o food security
- o sustainable trade
- o the elderly
- o empowerment of women and youth

OR, You are operating such an enterprise in the form of a business, a non-profit organization, or an informal program

AND

3. You are able to submit your entries and make presentations in English.

Entry criteria:

1. You are requested to submit your entries in one of the following two categories:

o **Best Ideas Category:**

Innovative ideas and plans for an enterprise (It must be a new and original idea yet to be fully implemented by the entrant or by others.)

o **Best Projects Category:**

Already existing enterprise which has demonstrated social impact

2. Submissions from teams are welcome. However, the idea may only be submitted by one team member.
3. You may submit more than one idea/project entry.
4. You are welcome to enter ideas or projects which have won other prizes or competitions.

How to enter:

1. First, [sign up](#) to become a registered member.
2. Complete the entry form and submit it online. Entries may only be submitted in English.  
[Entry form for ideas](#)  
[Entry form for projects](#)
3. Entries will be reviewed by the competition administrators, and only those that meet a certain standard and pass the preliminary screening will be nominated and published on the competition website. You will receive a message from us confirming that your entry has been nominated. If your entry does not pass the screening, you will have a chance to brush it up and submit it again.

### **The Entrepreneurs' Organization's Global Student Entrepreneur Awards (GSEA)**

The Entrepreneurs' Organization's **Global Student Entrepreneur Awards (GSEA)** is the premier global competition for student entrepreneurs who actively run a business. EO GSEA nominees compete in qualifying competitions for the chance to advance to the Global Finals, held on 15-17 April 2015 in Washington, DC, USA. With more than 1,700 competitors from more than 20 countries, EO GSEA is an exclusive opportunity for student entrepreneurs to make connections, find resources, and grow their businesses!

### **Getting Started**

Student entrepreneurs compete through qualifying competitions to win their shot at going head to head against the best student entrepreneurs in the world at the EO GSEA Global Finals.

### **How do I apply for the Global Student Entrepreneur Awards program?**

- Fill out the online application at [Apply Now](#)
- After we have received the application, we will review the application in detail.
- If selected to compete, someone from GSEA will contact you to give you further information on the location of the competition and how to prepare.

### **Young ICT Innovators Challenge**

#### **Young ICT Innovators**

**Nigeria @ ITU Telecom World 2014. Doha, Qatar.**

The Nigerian Communications Commission is inviting youths, age 30 years and below to participate in the youth innovators challenge.

- Do you have ICT innovation?
- Are you an ICT Young Entrepreneur?
- Do you have an idea that can change the world?

### **Shell 2014 SNEPCo LiveWIRE Nigeria Programme for Lagos State**

SNEPCo LiveWIRE Nigeria Programme is a youth enterprise development programme which aims to inspire, encourage and support young people aged 18-35 to start up their own businesses through the provision of finance and training for young entrepreneurs.

#### **Objectives**

- Enable youths to establish businesses through provision of business planning and management guidelines and skills through the Become a Successful Owner Manager Course.
- Run awards for candidates with the best business plans. The award provides access to micro-credit facilities, through third parties like banks, NGOs and allied financial institutions.

- Provide a volunteer monitoring programme for those who have completed the training course and decide to pursue starting their own business.

### **Programme Content**

- Bright Ideas and Become a Successful Business Owner Manager workshops
- Business Awareness Forum
- Young Business Leaders Awards
- Business Incubation and support services
- Business Information and Enquiry Service

### **Applications are invited from**

- Male and female applicants from any part of the country aged between 18-35years
- Male and female applicants resident in Lagos state
- Male and female applicants with desire to establish or have existing business in Lagos state
- Male and female applicants with an innovative business idea
- Male and female applicants with higher education

### **How to Apply**

Apply online- click [here to apply](#).

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted via email.

Duration for Application: Thursday October 23rd - Thursday October 30th 2014

### **2015 Mandela Washington Fellowship Programme Instructions**

The Mandela Washington Fellowship is the flagship program of President Obama's Young African Leaders Initiative. 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, which began in 2014, will bring 500 young leaders to the United States in summer 2015 for academic coursework and leadership training and will create unique opportunities in Africa for Fellows to put new skills to practical use in leading organizations, communities, and countries.

### **Who is eligible to apply?**

Applicants will not be discriminated against on the basis of race, color, gender, religion, socio-economic status, disability, sexual orientation or gender identity. The Mandela Washington Fellowship is open to young African leaders who meet the following criteria:



- Are between the ages of 25 and 35 at the time of application submission, although exceptional applicants younger than 25 will be considered.
- Are not U.S. citizens or permanent residents of the U.S.
- Are proficient in reading, writing, and speaking English.

### **What are the criteria for selection?**

Selection panels will use the following criteria to evaluate applications (not in order of importance):

- A proven record of leadership and accomplishment in public service, business and entrepreneurship, or civic engagement.
- A demonstrated commitment to public or community service, volunteerism, or mentorship.
- The ability to work cooperatively in diverse groups and respect the opinions of others.
- Strong social and communication skills.
- An energetic, positive attitude.
- Demonstrated knowledge, interest and professional experience in the sector/track selected.
- A commitment to return to Africa and apply leadership skills and training to benefit the applicant's country and/or community after they return home.

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<http://www.irex.org/application/mandela-washington-fellowship-application-information>

### **Global Fund for Women**

The Global Fund for Women invests in women's groups that advance the human rights of women and girls. We strengthen women-led groups based outside the United States by providing grants ranging from \$5,000 to \$30,000 per year for operating and project expenses. First-time grant awards generally range from \$5,000 to \$13,000 per year. We value local expertise and believe that women themselves know best how to determine their needs and propose solutions for lasting change. To maximize our impact in defending and expanding hard won gains in women's rights, Global Fund's grantmaking will focus on three critical areas:

<http://www.globalfundforwomen.org/information-for-applicants>

### **5th Women In Business Competition 2014**

Women In Business Competition is business plan competition dedicated to women in business with unique and profitable business ideas that have a positive social and/or environmental impact to compete for a 5,000 Euro prize.

The Women In Business Competition is open to women entrepreneurs of emerging countries who have created a business plan, which fulfills the eligibility and evaluation criteria.

- *Receive feedback and support in writing your business plan*
- *Access our coaching program*
- *Win a business trip for training, b2b and investor meetings*
- *Get access to a network of more than 50,000 like-minded entrepreneurs, coaches and investors*
- *Compete for a €5,000 prize*

Need help when applying? Contact us at [info@bidx.net](mailto:info@bidx.net)

### **Criteria:**

To participate in this competition, women entrepreneurs should submit a business plan online for a for-profit business.

They should have a financial need of US\$10,000 to US\$1,000,000 over the next three years.

Their business should have a positive social and/or environmental impact.

The business should be located or have impact in an emerging market.

To read more visit [5th Women In Business Competition](#)

To submit application visit <http://women.bidnetwork.org/en/registration>