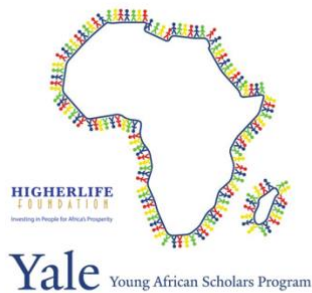


Yale Young African Scholars



2020-21 Mentor Prospectus



Program Overview

Yale Young African Scholars (YYAS) is an intensive academic and enrichment program designed for African secondary school students who plan to pursue tertiary education and wish to make meaningful impact as young leaders on the continent.

YYAS is looking for volunteer mentors who will help students as they prepare for university and apply to pre-university programs over the next three months. All mentors will be assigned to a group of YYAS alumni and will be expected to communicate with them at least once a month on various aspects of university readiness. The mentorship program will take place entirely online. If you sign up to be a mentor and are assigned mentees, we will send you a detailed mentorship guide, as well as continue to serve as a source of resources and support throughout your relationship with your mentee. At a minimum, mentors will be expected to support students in the following areas:

- Writing application essays
- Researching universities to apply to and thinking about financial aid
- Drafting an extracurricular activities list

To sign up, please complete [this form](#) at your earliest convenience but by no later than **October 16th, 2020 at 11:59 pm EST**.

New this year, the Mentorship Program will take place on the online platform called Chronus. All mentors will be invited to the online platform via email prior to the start of the Mentorship Program.

Qualifications

- Open to current undergraduates and young professionals
- Strong organizational and task management skills
- Familiarity with the U.S. college application process required
- Some experience working with high school aged students a plus, but not required

Why be a YYAS Mentor?

- Gain experience in education and youth capacity building, and work with a diverse group of students from around the African continent
- Learn about education policy in Africa
- Develop experience in providing support and guidance to high school students in an advisory role
- Build on your organizational and project management skills
- Receive recommendation letters or endorsement in support of your applications for internships, full time positions, or graduate school

Timeline

October 16, 2020

- Deadline to submit [sign up form](#). *Early submission is highly encouraged.*

*October 23, 2020**

- Receive mentorship packet and mentee assignments

*October 31, 2020**

- Deadline to complete mandatory online training course

*November 10, 2020**

- Deadline to complete mentee Feedback Form 1

*December 1, 2020**

- Receive application packets from mentees

*December 21, 2020**

- Deadline to complete mentee Feedback Form 2

*January 31, 2021**

- Mentorship ends. Option to renew for another 3-4-month term available for mentors who are interested and who show strong commitment to advising students

**Dates subject to slight change. Any and all changes will be communicated directly to mentors via email with plenty of advance notice.*