

APPLICATION FORM

“The Effectiveness of the METRO Agri-Food Living Lab for Gender Inclusive Youth Entrepreneurship Development in Kenya”

(TO BE COMPLETED IN BLOCK/CAPITAL LETTERS)

Dear Applicant,

We are excited that you are applying for this programme. Before completing the application form, please read the information below carefully.

Fill out the application form as clearly and as completely as possible. Only complete applications will be considered and admission into the programme is based on a competitive selection process. During the recruitment workshop, candidates will be expected to come with completed application forms and copies of the National Identity Card. The candidates will also be expected to present originals of the above documents. Failure to produce a copy of the National Identity Card will lead to automatic disqualification.

SECTION A: GENERAL INFORMATION ON CULTIAF2

The Cultivate Africa's Future Fund (CultiAF) is a joint program of the Australian International Food Security Centre of the Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR) and the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) of Canada. CultiAF has provided research funding for entrepreneurial capacity building for this project to USIU-Africa and its partner Busara Behavioral Center for Economics

Please note that:

1. Completing this application form does not guarantee admission to the CultiAF2 Metro AgriFood Living Lab.
2. Exceptions to the eligibility criteria may be considered in cases where the entrepreneur and/or business has substantial opportunities for growth and would benefit significantly from the project
3. All personal/business information provided in this application will remain strictly confidential and used solely for the purpose of determining project eligibility and support. A written consent will be requested from the applicant, in the event that information will be shared to the public.

Selection Criteria

- Kenyan nationals/citizens residing in Kenya
- Strong business acumen
- Age of between 18 to 35 years
- Literacy in English (spoken and written)
- Possess a business (more than six months old)
- Potential to develop entrepreneurial ability
- Passion to grow the business as well as sub-contract other entrepreneurs as suppliers.

Submission instructions

There are several ways to submit your completed application:

1. By email: to sasena@usiu.ac.ke OR agribusiness@usiu.ac.ke
2. By mail send to: Global Management & Entrepreneurship Center, United States International University-Africa, P.O. Box 14634, 00800-Nairobi
3. Dropping the form during the recruitment workshop

NOTE:

1. Applications submitted via email require that the signed signature page and required documents be scanned and submitted by email or mailed separately.
2. Applicants will be given equal opportunity and shall not be discriminated on the basis of disability, gender, regional, religious and ethnic background.

SECTION B: BIO DATA

Full name _____

Sex (Male/Female): _____ Date of Birth: _____

ID Number: _____ County of Residence: _____

Email Address: _____ P.O.Box: _____

Mobile Number: _____ Alternative Contact Number: _____

How did you learn about this opportunity?

- Business association attended (specify): _____
- A local farmer's co-operative society (specify): _____
- County Youth Development Officers
- Friend
- Internet
- USIU-Africa website
- Ministry of Agriculture
- USIU-Africa Staff
- USIU-Africa Brochure
- Other (please specify): _____

What is your employment status? (Check only one)

- Self-employed
- Employed
- Unemployed
- Other (please specify) _____

Based on question above, please indicate for how long?

- More than 4 years
- 2-4 years
- Less than 1 year

What is your highest level of education? (Check only one)

- Secondary School Certificate
- College Certificate
- Undergraduate Certificate
- Graduate Diploma
- Post graduate Diploma

Have you attended any trainings/courses in business or agriculture?

- No
- Yes (please specify the name of the course & date)

Do you have any experience with agricultural or food businesses (check all that apply)

- Yes, I am or have worked on a farm
- Yes, I am or have worked in another agricultural or food business
- Yes, I have family who are or have worked in an agricultural or food business
- No, I have no experience

SECTION C: BUSINESS INFORMATION

Name of your business: _____

Location of business: _____

Period the business has been in operation: _____

What is your business about?

Is the business registered? YES [] NO []

Type of business (Tick one that applies)

- Horticulture
- Dairy farming
- Pig farming
- Poultry farming
- Fish farming
- Other (please specify) _____

Your business is currently at what stage? (Tick one that applies)

- Development Stage: Have an agribusiness and want to make it official
- Growth Stage: Your agribusiness generates a consistent source of income and you regularly take on new customers
- Expansion Stage: Your agribusiness has now firmly established its presence within the industry
- Maturity Stage: Your agribusiness has consistent profit year in and year out

ATTESTATION

I confirm that the information provided above is accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that if I have deliberately provided false information, I will have to forfeit the CultiAF scholarship if one is awarded to me.

Full Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____

For more information:

Email: agribusiness@usiu.ac.ke

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