



# ELISA BUSINESS SCHOLARS

Training Session 19-22 March 2026  
in Hwange, Zimbabwe

**2026**  
cohort  
apply by  
15 DEC 2025



**Call for Applicants**  
[elisanetwork.com/scholars](https://elisanetwork.com/scholars)

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 & conference materials
- ❖ one year of mentoring from a business coach
- ❖ conference accommodations & meals
- ❖ flights booked for you or travel reimbursements
- ❖ unlimited access to entrepreneurial content & virtual events
- ❖ lifetime membership to the ELISA business network
- ❖ refine & implement a business plan
- ❖ build & strengthen your network
- ❖ increase visibility for your business, project or idea
- ❖ access business leaders & attend the ELISA Summit

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 JUN 2025**

Start of the call for applicants for the 2025 cohort of Scholars

**15 DEC 2025**

Application deadline & Scholar selection period begins

**15 JAN 2026**

Final selection & notifications sent to the 2026 cohort

**19-22 MAR 2026**

ELISA Scholars attend the 2026 training session

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