

## Call for Applications:

# African STARS Fellowship

## Master of Business Administration (MBA) in Health Care Leadership

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The Centre for Epidemic Response and Innovation (CERI) at Stellenbosch University (South Africa) and the Institut Pasteur de Dakar (IPD) (Senegal), in partnership with the Mastercard Foundation, invite applications for the African STARS MBA Fellowship; a fully funded opportunity to pursue a Master of Business Administration (MBA) in Health Care Leadership at Stellenbosch Business School, South Africa.

### Programme Overview

This specialised MBA equips professionals with the skills to lead and transform health systems in Africa. It integrates strategic, financial, and operational training with a focus on navigating complex health care environments.

**Duration:** 2 years, Jan 2026 – Dec 2027

**Format:** Blended learning (online and three in-person blocks in Cape Town, South Africa)

### Fellowship Funding Overview

The African STARS Fellowship covers the full cost of the MBA, including:

- Full tuition fees
- Application fees (for shortlisted candidates)
- Accommodation during contact blocks
- Air Travel expense
- Health insurance

**Specialisation:** Health Care Leadership, with modules in Health Care Finance, Health Systems & Policy, and Value-Based Health Care

### Application Deadline

**31 July 2025**

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## Eligibility Criteria

- Born in and / or living in Africa
- Age 35 years or younger
- Minimum of 3 years' full-time work experience (health sector)
- **Preferred qualifications:** MBChB / MD, BSN (Bachelor of Science in Nursing), MMed (Master of Medicine) or equivalent, MPH (Master of Public Health), PhD (Medical field), CA (Chartered Accountant)

## Preference will be given to applicants who are at least one of the following:

- Clinician and general practitioner (e.g., MBChB, MD) who has managerial and leadership role
- Senior nurse in public or private hospitals who leads large teams and operate on senior level with high-impact responsibilities
- Team leader and / or manager of pharmaceutical, medical technology or laboratory sector
- Public or private-sector senior positions (such as Manager, Deputy Director-General, CEO or Superintendent) in health care industry
- Manager in health care delivery systems and institutions, in pharmaceutical or health technology businesses, and / or regulatory organisations (such as AMA, SAMA, HPCSA, or other African Union or national organisation)

## How to Apply

### Step 1: [Apply for the African STARS MBA Fellowship](#)

Click here to apply

Deadline: 31 July 2025

Note: This application form is for the fellowship only.

### Step 2: [Submit an application for admission](#) for the MBA Programme in Health Care Leadership to Stellenbosch University Business school

Submit a formal application to Stellenbosch Business School for admission to the

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## Contact

For questions or further information, please visit the [FAQ](#), if not covered you can contact:

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