Fellowship Impact in Arizona
Since 2014, the Mandela Washington Fellowship, the flagship program of the Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI), has engaged communities in 41 states and the District of Columbia. Arizona professionals and organizations have participated in Institutes, Professional Development Experiences (PDE), and Reciprocal Exchanges (RE).

“[Lessons from] the Mandela Washington Fellowship...are great and will be shared back home to help make Africa a better continent. To be a leader, I must serve in humility and put needs of my community first.”

– 2017 Fellow at Arizona State University

INSTITUTES

Arizona State University
2014 – present

Civic Engagement Institute
2014 – 2017

Public Management Institute
2016 – 2019

200 Fellows
(2014 – 2019)

More than $1.1 Million in U.S. Government funding matched by over $750,000 in partner cost share from 2014 to 2019

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT EXPERIENCES

23 Fellows
(2015 – 2018)

Host Organizations include Ability360, City of Phoenix, First Solar, Maricopa County, and Walton Sustainability Solutions Initiative, among others.

RECIPROCAL EXCHANGES

8 Americans
(2017 – 2018)

Awardees have traveled to Cameroon, Madagascar, Nigeria, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zimbabwe.
“Traveling to Zimbabwe to share my passion for sports and for people with disabilities has impacted me far greater than I originally thought it would have...[it] impacted the way I think and approach helping those that do not live in the same area, but want to accomplish the same goals...[and helped] our organization to think outside the box and evaluate how we reach people in our community that do not directly live in our geographic location.”

– 2017 Reciprocal Exchange Awardee Sarah Olson, Ability360, after collaborating with 2016 Fellow Nyasha Mharakurwa’s adaptive sports foundation in Zimbabwe