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. North Carolina professionals and organizations have participated in Institutes, Professional Development Experiences (PDE), and Reciprocal Exchanges (RE).

**INSTITUTES**

Appalachian State University

2016 – 2019 Civic Engagement Institute

100 Fellows (2016 – 2019)

More than $600,000 in U.S. Government funding matched by almost $350,000 in partner cost share from 2016 to 2019

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT EXPERIENCES**

3 Fellows (2015)

Host Organizations include Cape Hatteras National Seashore and The Freedom Center for Social Justice.

**RECIPROCAL EXCHANGES**

3 Americans (2017 – 2018)

Awardees have traveled to Benin, Niger, and Nigeria.

“The Institute provided a broad curriculum relevant for civic leaders that included in and out of class learning, networking, field visits and volunteering. The diverse approaches allowed me to engage with facilitators and Fellows and provided opportunities for additional meetings [with Americans].”

– 2017 Fellow at Appalachian State University
“I particularly valued the chance to connect with the Nigerien Fellow alumni and finalists as well as others who came to the session at the American Cultural Center. I am a huge fan of YALI and was grateful for the chance to support that program and spend time with interesting young people. Participating in this program helped me to see with my own eyes the home context of a Mandela Washington Fellow and it will help me to be a better university coordinator of the program this summer.”

– 2017 Reciprocal Exchange Awardee Brian MacHarg, Appalachian State University, after collaborating with 2016 Fellow Bachir Issoufa in Niger