Over the past seventeen years, Ashesi University has established a reputation as a leader in undergraduate education in Africa, pioneering a combination of a rigorous liberal arts core with practical majors in Business Administration, Computer Science, Management Information Systems, and Engineering. Our mission is to educate a new generation of ethical and entrepreneurial leaders in Africa; to cultivate within our students the critical thinking skills, concern for others, and courage it will take to transform their continent.

After testing, building, and solidifying our model, Ashesi is now sharing our learnings on a larger scale. The Education Collaborative at Ashesi brings together a consortium of institutions committed to driving high-impact education innovations as the catalyst for Africa’s transformation. Participants include public and private colleges and universities across Africa as well as a select group of secondary level institutions in Ghana.

Transforming a Continent: The Education Collaborative at Ashesi University

Launched in 2017, the Collaborative is grounded in the tenets of an Ashesi education: Scholarship, Leadership, Citizenship, Ethics, and Entrepreneurship. Alongside an annual gathering in Ghana, the Education Collaborative includes:

- Conferences and workshops for university stakeholders
- Targeted mentorship and consulting programs
- A high school engagement program, “Ashesi Before Ashesi”
- Year-round support via online engagement and in-person resources

Each Collaborative participant has the potential to impact multitudes of colleagues and students. In seventeen years of operation, just over 1,300 students have graduated from Ashesi University. Utilizing Ashesi’s learnings thus far, the Education Collaborative has the potential to impact over 2 million students across Africa.

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Conferences and Workshops
Through annual conferences and workshops for university stakeholders, Ashesi seeks to increase access to quality education at scale for millions of Africans by broadening the reach of Ashesi’s impact and engaging other exemplars to drive education innovation forward. Ashesi also offers targeted engagement for various university stakeholders, including executives, faculty, and administrators, providing a greater chance for institution-wide change.

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Developing Exemplars Across Regions in Africa

Through our new mentoring and consulting services, Ashesi seeks to develop exemplars in higher education. Education Collaborative institutions and educators from across Africa are engaging one-on-one with Ashesi faculty and staff to develop customized solutions inspired by the “Ashesi way”. The scope and content of engagements are customized to maximize value for the mentee or partner institution. Areas of engagement may include program or curriculum review and development; faculty and staff training; and academic and student services review. Over the next three years, Ashesi is focused on developing the systems to scale our mentorship and consulting services. For the two years thereafter, Ashesi will aim to grow our network of participants.

High School Engagement Program - Ashesi Before Ashesi

Secondary schools are eager to prepare their students for the future of work. This program will give high school students the opportunity to learn the values and critical thinking skills Ashesi instills in its students. The program will ensure that high school students and staff alike have access to pedagogy, practices, and community support preparing students for future success, be they headed to university or directly into the world of work. To start, Ashesi aims to reach one-third of the high schools in Ghana in the next five years.

### Annual Membership
- **Year round**
  - Access to tools, techniques, visits, student engagement, AIX
- **Location**
  - Online, at Ashesi, at target high school
- **Target**
  - Students, teachers, administrators
- **Goals**
  - To develop a consortium of high schools committed to developing ethical, entrepreneurial leaders pre-university

### Plugged-in Engagement
- **Year round**
  - Scheduled to fit in the high school academic calendar
- **Location**
  - At target high school
- **Target**
  - Students, teachers, administrators
- **Goals**
  - Transform the approach to high school education in Ghana and create an Ashesi-before-Ashesi experience

### Teacher Training
- **Once a year**
  - A 3-day teacher training certificate program
- **Location**
  - Ashesi University
- **Target**
  - High school teachers
- **Goals**
  - Provide teachers with resources, skills, and a network to improve student learning and performance
The Collaborative Network

Our long-term goal is to promote continuous engagement between participants in-person and online. In-person, Ashesi will expand its year-round, in-person opportunities for support, networking, training, and collaboration. Through an online platform, Ashesi will share a growing repository of innovations in teaching, learning, and institutional management between Ashesi and collaborating institutions.

**Tactics to Reach Network Goals**

**In-person**
1. Follow-up support to answer questions, provide guidance, and assist in the implementation of new skills
2. Networking opportunities across the continent — plugging in mentee institutions
3. Training and support post-workshops
4. Regional office/centers (West, East, Central, and Southern Africa) that attendees and mentees can contact for assistance

**Online**
1. Forums to post and answer questions
2. A Learning Management System (LMS) to share content on best practices
3. Mechanism to post, and access, content from network participants
4. Weekly best practice seminars
5. Different levels of access to read/post/submit papers

**NEXT STEPS**

Ashesi seeks advisors, partners, and donors who are interested in improving higher education in Africa. The Education Collaborative is a substantial vehicle to scale Ashesi’s impact and reach throughout Africa.

We are seeking to raise $250,000 per year. Your support will enable the Collaborative to sponsor more African institutions to participate. We expect to gain new insights each year to help us grow and spread our impact exponentially across Africa.