How Will Africa’s Young Leaders Shape The Continent’s Future?

Africa’s population, growing faster than any other, is projected to become the youngest in the world by 2030. This demographic shift - and the continent’s ability to harness it for economic growth and wellbeing - will be felt by the entire world.

Investing in the education and skills of Africa’s young people - its emerging leaders - is vital to ensuring that the continent becomes a powerhouse of innovation and productivity. This is the vision that drives the work of Ashesi University Foundation Canada.
Ashesi University Foundation Canada (AUFC) is a charity registered in Canada in 2021. AUFC is part of the Ashesi Collective which includes Ashesi University, a private, non-profit liberal arts university in Ghana, and Ashesi University Foundation, a US 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Ashesi University Foundation Canada advances educational excellence by providing financial assistance and awards, enabling entrepreneurial and business training, funding research and supporting system improvement efforts in African higher education.

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The mission of the Ashesi Collective is to advance the education of ethical and entrepreneurial leaders in Africa and raise the bar for educational outcomes across the continent. The Collective shares a vision of an African renaissance driven by a new generation of ethical, entrepreneurial leaders.
Our 10-Year Goals For Investing in Africa

In October 2022, Ashesi University Foundation Canada and the Mastercard Foundation entered into an endowment partnership to establish the “Mastercard Foundation Endowment for Educational Excellence,” which will enable world-class, inclusive higher education in Africa while driving innovation and entrepreneurship on the continent.

This partnership also marks the 20th anniversary of Ashesi University. Ashesi University and AUFC have also joined the Health Collaborative in partnership with the Mastercard Foundation. These collaborations are ambitious and seek to have meaningful impact on African institutions, industries and economies.

- At least 1500 comprehensive and partial scholarships.
- At least 50% of all scholarships to young women.
- Pioneering Africa-focused university ranking driven by student outcomes.
- 1 million students with stronger outcomes.
- Establish a 140-member university network learning outcomes.
- Enable 400 young entrepreneurs to start or grow new businesses in Africa.
- Enable 200 new healthcare innovations and interventions.
- Impact healthcare outcomes for 12,000 people annually.

For complete audited financial statements of Ashesi University Foundation Canada, visit: https://www.ashesi.org/about/publications/
Visit Ashesi University: See Ethical, Entrepreneurial Leadership in Action in Africa

The Ashesi University Deep Dive offers a unique chance to understand how higher education can unlock African innovation and entrepreneurship. From conversations with Africa’s young, emerging business and civic leaders to learning about significant efforts to achieve transformative scale in higher education, the Deep Dive gives you an unparalleled window into the possibilities for the continent’s future through Ashesi. This event is for anyone who wishes to better understand higher education and entrepreneurship in Africa and how Ashesi University’s work is setting a new example for the continent. Learn more at: https://ashe.si/deepdive