



AFRICAN FOUNDATIONAL LEARNING DATA HUB

African Scholar Residency Opportunity Expression of Interest Form

About AFLEARN DataHub

The African Foundational Learning Data Hub (AFLEARN) is dedicated to African foundational learning data, measurement, research, and capacity building. The hub's goal is to improve learning outcomes for children across the continent by supporting the effective use of foundational learning data for evidence-based advocacy and policy making. The hub is hosted at DataFirst, the only internationally accredited open data repository on the African continent. DataFirst was established at the University of Cape Town in 2001 to ensure open access to African data, providing data curation and data hosting services together with expertise in measurement and research on the quality, usability, and comparability of data. DataFirst has a long tradition of capacity building, providing data curation training, as well as a range of data analysis training courses. Our mission is to enhance quality and capacity across the full data life cycle from collection to impact.

AFLEARN DataHub offers opportunities for African scholars or researchers to spend a one-month residency at DataFirst, UCT. This residency program aims to stimulate a research agenda around foundational learning data and build capacity across the African continent. The residency program covers flights, visas, accommodation, and a daily stipend. Scholars will be based at DataFirst.

Resident scholars will have access to DataFirst's leading researchers throughout their stay. They will receive various forms of research support, including one-on-one meetings and the opportunity to present their work at seminars, where they will receive feedback from specialists in education data analysis.

Eligibility criteria

- Must be an African scholar or researcher based outside South Africa
- Demonstrated interest or experience in foundational learning data analysis
- Commitment to presenting work during the residency period
- Willingness to contribute to the growing network of researchers working on foundational learning

To apply, please complete the [online application form](#). Shortlisted candidates will be invited for an online interview with the AFLEARN team.

Successful applicants will be notified by 31st July 2025.

