Are you interested in collaborating with a Mandela Washington Fellow?

**Background:** This summer, Northwestern University will host 25 young African leaders for the Mandela Washington Fellowship (MWF), the flagship program of President Obama’s Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI). From June 19th to August 1st, Fellows will participate in a Business & Entrepreneurship Institute that combines intensive academic and leadership training with experiential learning activities. President Obama launched YALI in 2010 to support young African leaders as they spur growth and prosperity, strengthen democratic governance, and enhance peace and security across Africa.

**Fellows’ Profile:** Fellows aged 25-35 come from sub-Saharan Africa and are leaders in a wide range of fields related to business and entrepreneurship. Past Fellows have founded their own companies, consulted senior advisers, and led their respective businesses as CEOs and upper level management. Their sectors have included: consulting, journalism, banking/finance, accounting, social entrepreneurship, e-commerce, media, and advertising, among others.

**Peer Collaborators:** For the Fellows’ six-week stay, we are seeking Peer Collaborators that will be able to meet regularly to share ideas and garner mutual understanding between US and African citizens. These interactions will be on an individual basis in order to best develop an impactful relationship, both professionally and personally. Peer Collaborators will also be welcome to our various events and visits throughout the Institute.

**Peer Collaborators should be:**
- located in the Chicagoland area
- similar in experience and age as Fellows
- interested in building relationships internationally
- leaders or emerging leaders in their field
- available to meet weekly or every other week during the Institute

“Americans have been learning from you as well because every interaction is a chance for Americans to see the Africa that so often is overlooked in the media - the Africa that is innovative and growing and dynamic.”

President Barack Obama
YALI Summit, July 2014

Want to learn more?
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