

## **RECRUITMENT OF TWO MASTERCARD FOUNDATION ALUMNI RESEARCHERS TO SUPPORT EVALUATION OF BAOBAB SOCIAL LEARNING PLATFORM (1 October 2021 to 30 June 2022)**

### **Background**

Baobab is a digital social, professional, learning community for young African leaders and participants and alumni of Mastercard Foundation programs. Arizona State University (ASU) developed and implements Baobab on behalf of the Mastercard Foundation. [Neil Butcher and Associates \(NBA\)](#) has been appointed by ASU to support the evaluation of the Baobab platform.

The evaluation design is premised on the active involvement of emerging African researchers. We are thus looking to recruit two Mastercard Foundation Program alumni to join the core research team. The initial contract will run from 1 October 2021 to 30 June 2022, with the possibility of renewal in future years based on performance and funding availability.

### **Roles and responsibilities**

During the period 1 October 2021 to 30 June 2022, the alumni researchers will be required to:

1. Participate in bi-weekly virtual research team meetings
2. Participate in four to six virtual research capacity building sessions focused on data collection and data analysis.
3. Advise five local in-country field researchers based in five African countries about participant recruitment strategies and share participant recruitment information through existing alumni networks.
4. Write and/or review sections of the annual research reports
5. Participate in learning dissemination processes, such as writing blog posts or presenting learnings at conferences for example.

Researchers will join an international research team working across multiple time zones. It may be necessary to attend meetings outside of standard working hours.

### **Remuneration**

The contract will cover the equivalent of 10 days research consulting time @ US\$490 per day. The total contract value is \$4,900.

### **Minimum requirements**

Eligible applicants will:

1. Have completed a postgraduate qualification (Masters or PhD), preferably in the Social Sciences, Education or Humanities.
2. Have at least three years' experience conducting social research.



3. Be an alumnus of a Mastercard Foundation Program [Anzisha Prize Fellows, Ashoka Fellows, Scholars Program, Skill Foundation Emerging Leaders, YALI, Youth Think Tank, and Zambezi Fellows]
4. Have access to a computer/laptop and internet connectivity
5. Be fluent in English (spoken and written)
6. Basic fluency in French (recommended)

### **Application process**

Interested applicants should email Cathy MacDonald ([cathymac@nba.co.za](mailto:cathymac@nba.co.za)) a CV and cover letter explaining their interest in the research and eligibility for the position. Three contactable references should be provided on the CV. Applications should be submitted before **10 September 2021**.

Please feel free to email Cathy should you have any questions about this opportunity.

