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African Women in Agricultural Research and Development Search

A promotional graphic for the SHEAF Fellowship. It features a light orange background with wavy lines. At the top left is the AWARD logo (African Women in Agricultural Research and Development) and at the top right is the AGRA logo (Sustainably Growing Africa's Food Systems). The main title 'She Leads African Food Futures (SHEAF)' is in large, bold, black font. Below it, in orange, is the text 'Applications are now open for the inaugural SHEAF Fellowship!'. Further down, in black, is 'Application deadline: Date: January 31, 2026'. At the bottom left is the URL 'https://bit.ly/SHEAF26'. On the right side of the graphic is a photograph of two African women; one is wearing a blue headwrap and a yellow and blue patterned dress, and the other is wearing a black headwrap and a white and blue patterned dress. They are both looking down at a large metal pot filled with green leafy vegetables.

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December 16, 2025 – The call to apply for the She Leads African Food Futures (SHEAF) Fellowship is now open. The Fellowship targets applicants from Kenya,

Malawi, and Senegal for an immersive career development program that will integrate leadership development, mentoring, network development, and technical excellence.

Fellows will be drawn from diverse organizations, including government ministries and agencies, non-governmental organizations, academia, research, the private sector, civil society, regional and sub-regional organizations, among others.

SHEAF Fellowship targets African women at different stages of their careers who are actively engaged in finding solutions that address gender inequalities in agri-food systems policies and programs.

Successful applicants will receive customized training in leadership, gender, and agrifood systems, coupled with mentoring, coaching, and peer learning support to sharpen their skills in designing and implementing gender-responsive agrifood systems policies and programs.

The Fellowship will build a vibrant network of African women professionals from varied disciplines to drive policy and programmatic change for equitable agri-food systems in sub-Saharan Africa. Up to 25 Fellows will be selected, with a special focus on women working in AGRA-supported organizations and programs.

Application for the Fellowship is strictly via an online form [here](#)

The call for applications closes at midnight on January 31, 2026, East Africa Time (GMT+3). Applications will NOT be accepted after this date.

Applicants should carefully read the application guidelines for more information on eligibility criteria and application process.