DESIGN THINKING IN AFRIKA PROGRAMME
[ONLINE]

Connecting African thinkers and building skills for the future.

The Hasso Plattner d-school Afrika at UCT in partnership with Ashesi University and the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST) in Ghana, American University in Cairo's Center for Learning and Teaching in Egypt, and the University of Nairobi, Department of Art and Design in Kenya are inviting students who are under the age of 35 from these specific institutions to apply for this exciting, interactive, and unique online programme in Design Thinking.

Participate in a competitive, trans-African challenge and gain exposure to real-world problems, advancing the critical thinking skills that are so desperately needed in solving the problems of our world today.

This gives students the opportunity to work within diverse African teams, sharing knowledge and learning from and with each other on real-world challenges alongside key industry partners of the Hasso Plattner Foundation working on a trans African challenge.

Design thinking exposes and directly builds the capabilities of students in what the World Economic Forum terms the Four C's, i.e. Critical thinking; Creativity; Communication; and Collaboration. This 'tacit knowledge' is being recognised as the key missing ingredient across the board in potential employees navigating the new job market. The world is constantly changing, and the design thinking mindset is to find ways to collaboratively navigate this turbulent, yet exciting, new terrain in new human-centered, and innovative ways.

KEY BENEFITS:

○ *Learn to build skills for the future, as you prepare to enter the working world, by mastering the Four C's (Critical thinking; Creativity; Communication; and Collaboration)*

○ *Experience an introduction to working in diverse, multi-disciplinary teams.*

○ *Discover digital learning tools.*

○ *Build creative confidence.*

PROGRAMME REQUIREMENTS:

Applicants must be:

- Students in their 3rd or final year of undergraduate study or currently within their postgraduate studies and students who graduated in 2021 (undergraduate or postgraduate).
- Aged between 18 to 35 years old

Applicants are expected to:

- Commit to attending all six days of the programme.
- Be prepared for 4-6 hours of asynchronous teamwork and preparation that will take place outside of the programme's online space.
- Attend D-scovery sessions
- Complete a feedback form to be submitted after completion of the programme

Applicants are to note that all sessions will be conducted online and in English.

PROGRAMME TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS:

- A stable internet connection of at least 4Mbps speed. You can check your internet speed at https://fast.com
- It is preferable to connect using an uncapped Wifi connection such as Eduroam to avoid unnecessary data charges.
- A desktop/laptop computer with Webcam/computer camera is required (no mobile phones permitted) for online collaboration.
- Good microphone sound quality.
- Use of either Firefox or Google Chrome web browsers is required to run the programme's software (see below).
- Access to Zoom software. Free downloads are available, or the program can be used online.
- Access to the Miro app. Technical requirements for the software can be found at https://support.miro.co/en/articles/2113688-technical-requirements-to-run-miro and should be checked before attendance to avoid delays in joining the programme.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: 30 June 2023

DATES: 10-21 July 2023   I   10h00-16h00 CAT daily

Applications are open! Fill out an application form on **DT in AFRIKA 2022 Application** before the application deadline!