

Applicant guide and checklist

ADHA Digital Health & AI Leadership Fellowship · Cohort 01

Apply at <https://adha.edu.et/en/apply/fellowship>. Applications are planned to open on Monday 19 October 2026. There is nothing to pay to apply.

Who it is for

The Fellowship is for leaders who already carry digital health or AI decisions: in ministries, regional health bureaus, public-health institutes, hospitals, regulators, NGOs, and UN or donor offices. Cohort 01 is a competitive founding cohort of 12 to 15 fellows. The ADHA Fellow award is a programme award decided by the Fellowship Awards Committee. It is not the Africa Digital Health Expert (AfDHE) certification.

What you commit

- **6 to 8 hours a week for 26 weeks.** One lesson a week in weeks 1 to 10.
- **Six monthly live seminars** of 90 minutes. All are recorded.
- **One pause** of up to 12 weeks is allowed.
- After the programme, ADHA takes up to two weeks to decide the award. No release time is needed then.

Before you open the form

- ☐ **Your CV**, as a link.
- ☐ **Your employer's endorsement and release letter, signed.** Use the template at <https://adha.edu.et/fellowship/employer-release-letter>. A scan or a clear phone photo is fine, shared as a link. ADHA may confirm it with the signatory by email or phone. If you head your institution, the board chair, a deputy or the supervising authority (for example, the ministry above a regional bureau) may sign. Add a stamp or seal where your organisation uses one.
- ☐ **Release hours per month**, agreed with your supervisor.
- ☐ **Two referees**, told in advance. One is your supervisor, unless you head the institution.
- ☐ **Your 400-word leadership challenge and 400-word personal statement**, drafted offline first. The form keeps a draft only on the device you use.
- ☐ **Every link set to "anyone with the link can view"**. Open each one in a private window to test it.
- ☐ **No patient data** in anything you share.

How selection works

Selection is needs-blind: how you plan to pay is hidden until the admission decision and is never scored. Two blind reviewers score your application. Shortlisted applicants have a 20-minute online interview. You receive a written decision. Once admitted, you cannot be waitlisted or declined because of funding.

Fees and the three routes

Route	Who	Seat price
International or sponsor rate	UN agencies, international NGOs, donors, companies outside Africa, any third-party sponsor	USD 6,000
African rate	African public institutions, African NGOs, universities and start-ups, self-paying individuals	USD 4,800
Scholarship	Admitted fellows who ask for one. 25% or 50% off the African rate (full only with a named sponsor). Up to 4 in Cohort 01, decided by the Fellowship Awards Committee after admission. Give-back: mentor or co-mark one ADHA cohort within 24 months, paid at standard rates.	25% or 50% off USD 4,800

- **Self-payers** pay in one payment or in 3 instalments of USD 1,600: the first before the start, the last before the capstone defence. The award is held until the seat is paid. Employers pay in one payment.
- **Procurement:** after an offer, ADHA issues a pro-forma invoice on request, so your office can raise a purchase order.
- **Ethiopian institutions** may pay in birr, at the National Bank of Ethiopia rate on the invoice date.

Planned dates

Milestone	Planned date
Applications open	Monday 19 October 2026
Round 1 closes (decisions by 23 December)	Sunday 13 December 2026
Round 2 closes (decisions by 31 January)	Sunday 17 January 2027
Seats confirmed by	Friday 19 February 2027
Cohort 01 starts	Monday 1 March 2027

Your data

If you are not selected, or do not take up a seat, ADHA deletes your application 30 days after the outcome email. If you are selected and accept, it is kept in your Fellowship record, with your consent.

Questions

Write to info@adha.edu.et. Course page: <https://adha.edu.et/en/courses/fellowship>

Africa Digital Health Academy (ADHA), a civil society organisation registered in Ethiopia (Registry No. 7868). All dates are planned.