**Funded Media Workshops for Mass communications students, campus journalists etal**

The dynamics in every profession keep evolving. Skill retooling and upgrade are fundamental requirement for media professionals who are poised to make changes in their world today. The need for speed, accuracy and technology keep creating the disruption at an alarming rate. Catching up and not losing one’s breathe professionally has become a personal responsibility.

For upcoming media professionals and especially those who are still undergoing trainings in journalism schools and media training institutions, there is an urgent need to blend the ‘gown with the town’. Changing the narrative of the media industry in Nigeria and Africa will not be possible except a deliberate intervention is engaged.

To bridge this gap, Africa Foundation For Young Media Professionals (AFYMP) is organizing 8 major in-residency, funded workshops across eighteen states in Nigeria covering the South West, South East and South-South regions between June and September 2022. Faculty for the workshops are renowned for their outstanding achievements in the industry.

The 8 funded workshops will hold in Batches (Batch A and B). Batch A (Four workshops in all will hold in the Southwest (Lagos and Ibadan), while Batch B (four) will hold in the South East and South-South (Owerri and Port Harcourt).

The 8 workshops have the following themes:

1-Media Entrepreneurship, thought leadership, sustainability and professionalism (one in each zone)

2. Campus journalism: ethics, governance, safety and dynamics of investigative, data driven journalism (one in each zone)

3. Increasing and building visibility of women in the media through new talent development (exclusively for female media students/campus journalists). (one in each zone)

4. Media industry, disability and challenges of practise (for physically challenged media students or social inclusion advocates) (one in each zone)

**Eligibility:**

To participate in any of these workshops in batch A (South West), you must be a media student, campus journalist, social inclusion advocates in the Southwest. Same for batch B (South East, South South). An applicant can only submit nomination for only two of the above within the region. Preference may be given to those who already have proven or established media portfolios but not mandatory.

Participants will be required to show sufficient evidence of meeting the criteria for selection which include being a mass communications student in a higher learning in his/her region or an active member of a campus journalist union. Having published some stories may be an advantage etc

**Benefits**

AFYMP will pay the total cost of participation: which includes transport fare to and fro, feeding, 2 nights hotel accommodation, training expenses while the participant will take care of their personal security to and fro the location of the training to their base.

Participants with viable media business proposal will receive funding and there are recognitions in cash or support for post training application of knowledge gained. A training certificate of completion for the training attended will also be given

**Mode of application:**

Application is open between April 15 to May 15, 2022.

An applicant must send a maximum of 250 words motivation for application plus school, age (not mandatory), course, sex and a link to personal media portfolio, if any, to email: info@afymp.org

Only serious candidates will be selected.