



LUNE
A RESEACHROUND PROGRAM

About

LUNE ONE is a 4 month program for emerging researchers to understand the basics of conducting successful research. LUNE ONE also provides personal and professional skills that researchers need to complete a research project as well as the mentorship needed to guide them to remain committed and excited about their progress.



Problem and why we focus on training

Professional local researchers in Africa contribute less than 1% of global research which is alarming due to its many developmental challenges. Inequalities in research capacities foster scientific colonialism and parachute science, along with stated deficiencies in development. Very few programs to support the development of African researchers exist. The pipeline which should start from the undergraduate studies is virtually non-existent. Many African universities have no research capacity programs held to support journeys of researchers. This has led to low quality research questions and low quality research. African researchers identify training, along with funding, as limiting their ability to be world class.

ResearchRound's LUNE will bridge research knowledge and capacity gaps in African researchers.

The Objectives are

- Support researchers to understand the basics of research.
- Support researchers to undergo proper research inquiries and follow the procedures to answer them
- Support researchers with the skills to design small and large scale experiments to answer important social and domain specific questions.
- Support researchers with the mindset for problem solving.
- Develop researchers who can carry out research immediately for private and public clients.

Our Goal

LUNE ONE's goal is to train and support emerging researchers on professional and personal skills and resources to deliver quality research outputs from answering important research questions. We are building the structure to develop the research workforce pipelines in African countries.

We focus on **undergraduates** and **early postgraduate students** who are keen to be world-class researchers and are enthusiastic about leading research work that results in meaningful impact and builds on global knowledge.

Program Scope



12 Weeks for learning.

For twelve weeks, **researchers** will learn from a curated list of researchers in different fields and facilities across the world.

Topics will be focused on fundamental resources and skills required to do research across multiple fields.



12 Weeks of Mentorship

Along with learning, researchers will work with mentors who can guide the researchers through their research work and also share insights that help them move forward.



1 research project

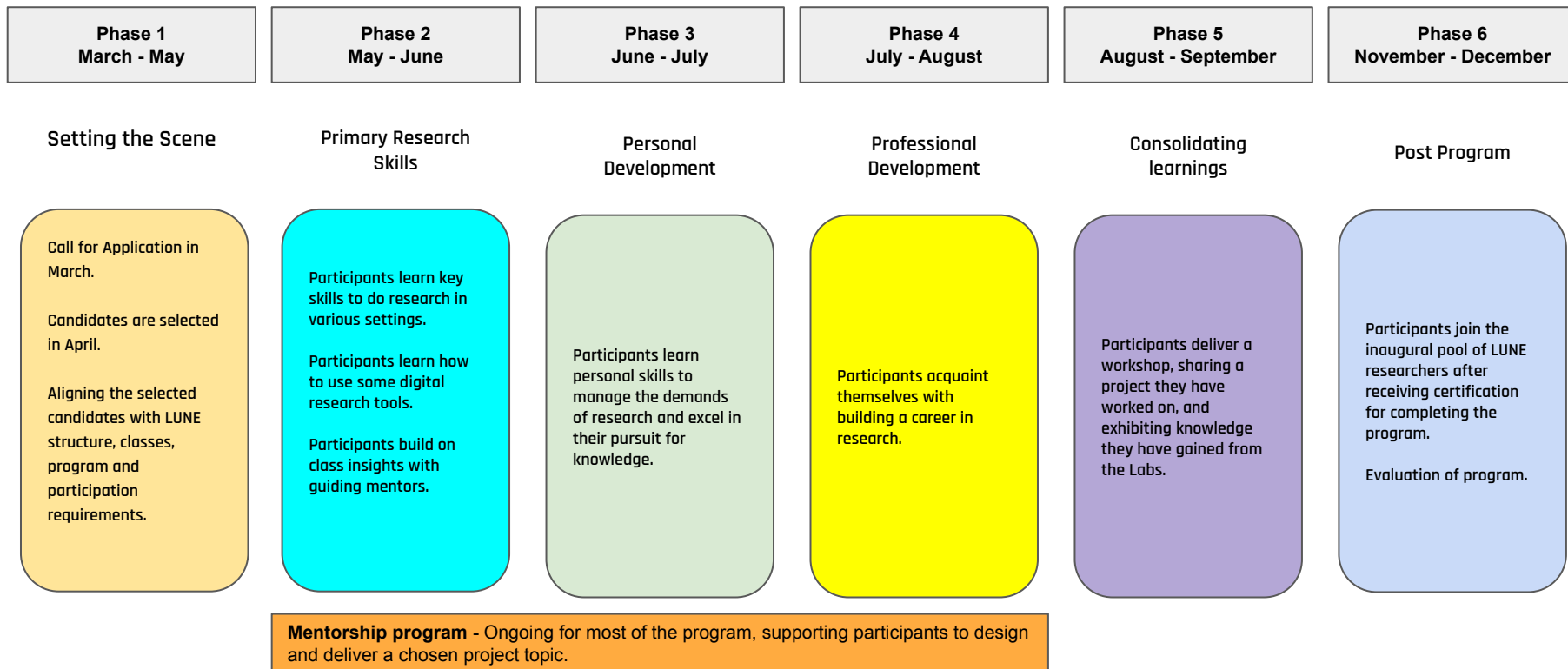
Researchers will be required to work on a small project that can put their knowledge to test.



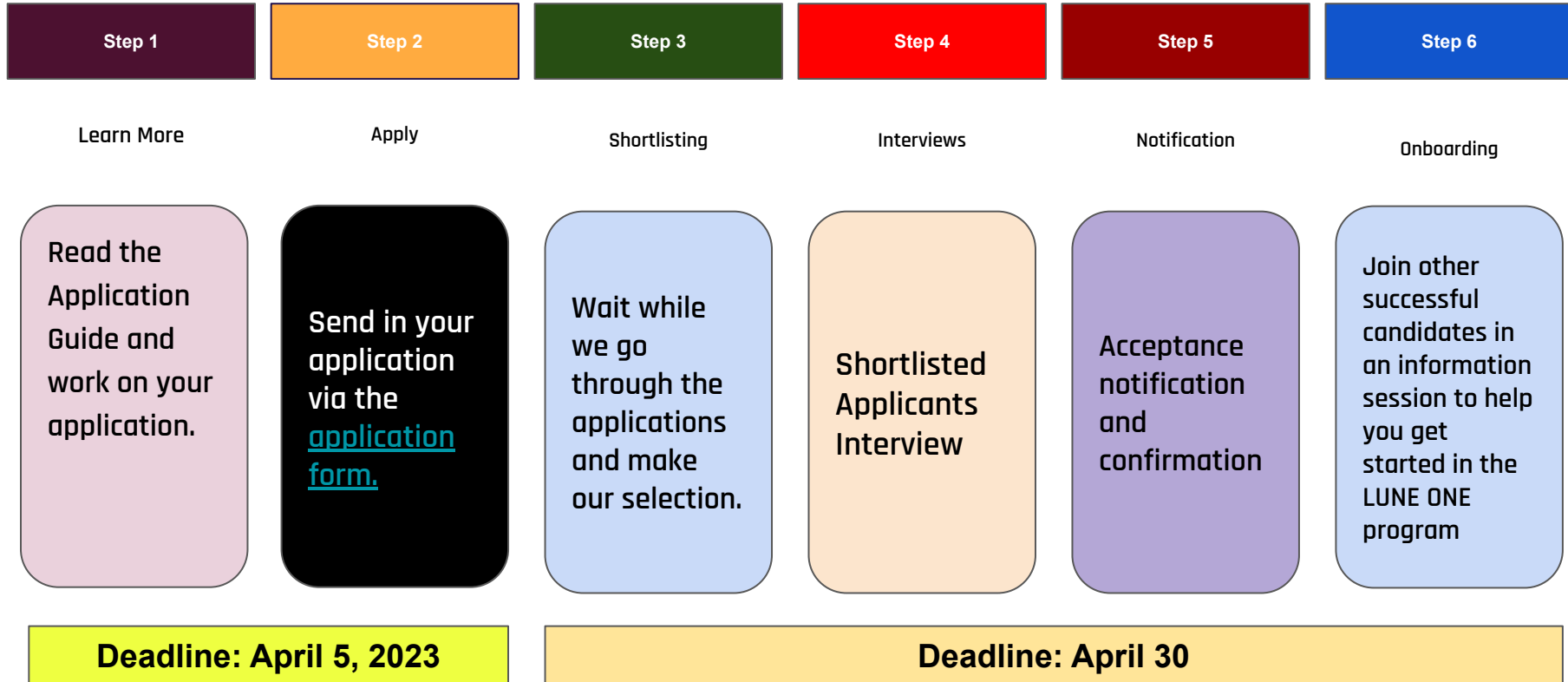
1 Presentation Workshop

At the end of the program, the researchers will make a workshop presentation of their project that allows us understand how they have fared through the entire program.

2023 Timeline



Selection Process



Program Design

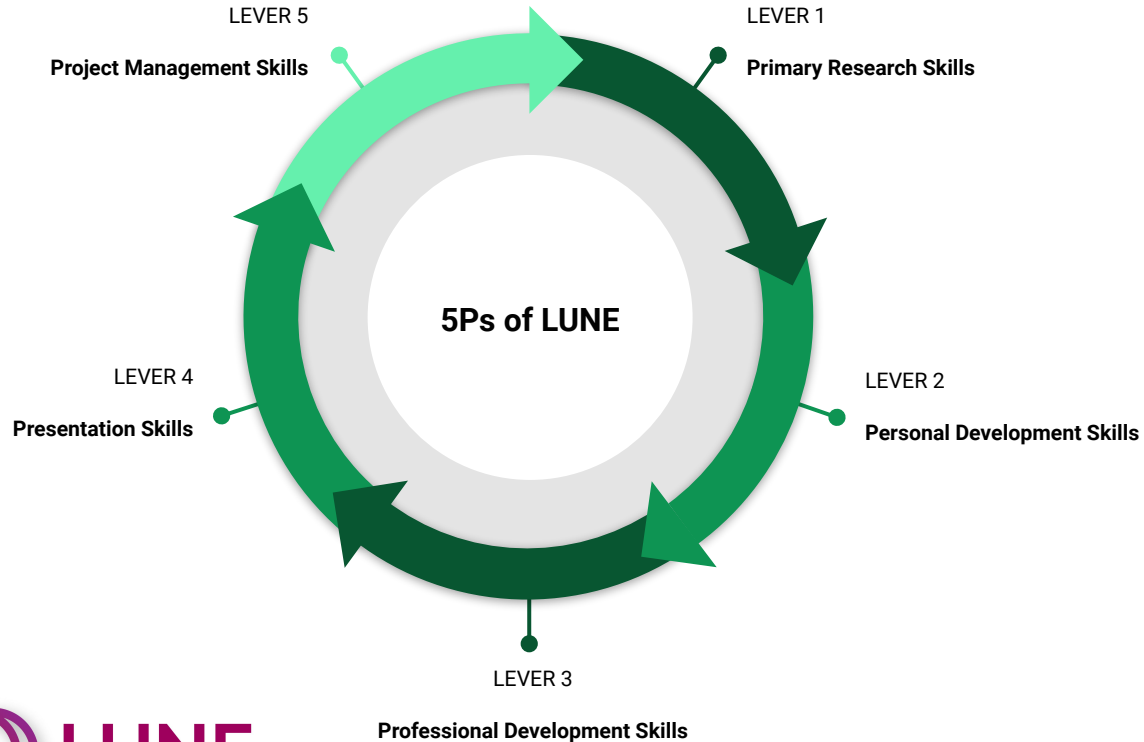
- Program will hold virtually through the entire program.
- Program is currently free for participants.
- The program lasts for 4 months, with up to three sessions holding per week while researchers engaged in mentoring with established researchers.
- Participants will need to commit about **5 hours** per week to the program.
- Researchers will be exposed to global practices and standard procedures in research.

- Instructional Classes
- Exposure Classes
- Personal Development Classes
- Project Presentations
- Discussions
- Mentor Sessions
- Private Sessions with Faculty.

CERTIFICATION

ResearchRound will provide certification for researchers, especially to allow us determine the level of expertise those who have passed through our program have.

Curriculum



Our curriculum is designed to support participants to develop fundamental skills in these areas.

Participants learn from various facilitators who have advanced their career in research or applicable fields, mentors who guide them through creating and managing their research project, and participate in presentation workshops where they build their ability to share their simple/complex ideas in ways their audience could easily understand.

Participants leave the program with strong foundations to be research leaders.

Participants

We will admit a maximum of **10 participants** in the first program. We will allow members of the public interested in the program to apply. An evaluation of the applications is done and the top 10 applicants who are likely to commit best to the program are allowed into the program.

Applications to the Lune One will be accepted if

- 1- The entrant shows interest in research, whether academic, professional or corporate.
- 2- The entrant is between 18 - 35 years.
- 3- The entrant is in an African University (both undergraduates and postgraduates can apply).
- 4- The entrant shows diligence and excellence in the field of interest.
- 5- The entrant shows their willingness to commit to the program.



Facilitators

Facilitators consist researchers, experts in digital technologies and research, as well as leading professionals in various research related fields.



Mentors

Participants of the program shall be assigned mentors in the program. Mentors will guide them through their research projects. This will last for 3 months.

Mentorship will be virtual except in rare cases where mentors live/work in proximity of the mentee. Mentors support our researchers to focus on the important things while carrying out chosen research projects.



Exit

Graduands of the Lune One Program join our pool seeking to work with organizations and private institutions to solve important research problems as they start to build their practical strength and experience in the research world. We expect some of them to focus fully on academic research while others use research skills gained outside the academia.



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