

The Yale Young African Scholars Program (YYAS) is a high-intensity five-day program designed for African secondary school students with talent, drive, energy, and ideas to make meaningful impacts as young leaders, even before they begin their university studies. In addition to a rigorous academic experience covering a range of contemporary global issues, students will gain insight into the structure of the higher education system in the United States and the U.S. college application process. The Yale Young African Scholars Program is an official program of Yale University.

The inaugural Yale Young African Scholars program in Ghana will take place from 11-15 August 2014 at the Institute of African Studies' Yiri Lodge, University of Ghana. Accommodation will be provided for all students, along with class instruction, three meals a day, and transportation from Accra to the program site. *There are no fees for the students to participate in the program.*

This program will help students recognize and understand contemporary global issues, strategize responses, and innovate solutions while learning from Yale faculty and African undergraduate and graduate students who currently attend Yale. Students will participate in a lecture series and a number of elective seminars on a variety of topics. The demanding academic content is designed to improve students' analytical thinking, intellectual flexibility, and written and oral communication skills. These skills will be further utilized in small workshops designed to prepare students for the demanding application processes of U.S. colleges and universities.



Admission to the program is very selective and is based on an application that requires one personal essay, three short answer questions, one teacher evaluation, and an official school transcript/report. YYAS accepts applications from current secondary school students who are about to enter their penultimate (second to last) year of school. Successful applicants will demonstrate high academic achievement and leadership potential, in addition to strong interests in the program content and in pursuing an undergraduate degree in the U.S. Applicants should also be able and willing to work openly and effectively with peers. We review all applications holistically, and there are no minimum grade or standardized exam score requirements. However, a high level of English proficiency will be expected.

# Apply!

*Applications can be accessed online at [www.globalscholars.yale.edu/africa](http://www.globalscholars.yale.edu/africa)  
The application deadline is 9 May 2014.*

*Contact us at [african.scholars@yale.edu](mailto:african.scholars@yale.edu) with any questions.*