



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS



A visionary HealthTech entrepreneur/innovator with a groundbreaking idea to transform healthcare in Africa?

Recommit to leveraging innovation to contribute towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

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timbuktoo HealthTech startup accelerator programme, Kigali

Africa's HealthTech landscape presents both challenges and opportunities, with a projected \$11 billion digital health market by 2025. To address critical healthcare gaps, there's an urgent need to establish a robust HealthTech hub.

This initiative aims to foster startups developing groundbreaking solutions in deep tech (technology), hardware, and advanced technologies. Key areas include AI-driven diagnostics, locally manufactured medical devices, and biotechnology tailored to African needs. The hub can provide a foundation for building a flourishing full stack HealthTech industry.

The timbuktoo HealthTech startup accelerator programme aims to support innovative startups that meet the following key criteria:

◆ Technology-Enabled Solution:

Your startup must have a technology-enabled solution at its core, utilising digital tools and platforms to drive innovation and efficiency in the financial sector.

◆ Contribution Towards the SDGs:

Your solution should align with and contribute towards one or more of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, addressing pressing global challenges such as poverty, inequality, climate change, and more.

◆ **High Scalability:**

Your startup should demonstrate high scalability either through digital distribution channels or the ability to scale sales rapidly across markets.

◆ **Defensible Position:**

Your startup should have a defensible position, whether through Intellectual Property (IP) rights, network effects, domain expertise, or regional market dominance, ensuring sustainable competitive advantage in the HealthTech landscape.

◆ **Innovation and uniqueness:**

Novel approach to solving health challenges, potential for disruptive impact in the healthcare sector

◆ **Technical feasibility:**

Sound scientific/technical basis for the solution, realistic development timeline

◆ **Regulatory compliance:**

Awareness of relevant healthcare regulations, strategy for obtaining necessary approvals

Startups with an emphasis in the following areas are strongly encouraged:

1. Disease Prevention:

Early detection technologies
Predictive health analytics
Lifestyle intervention

2. Clinical Preventive Frameworks and Community Advocacy:

Public health outreach solutions

3. Community health worker support systems

Health education and awareness platforms

4. Vaccine and Medicine Production:

Novel vaccine development technologies
Local pharmaceutical manufacturing solutions
Drug discovery platforms

5. Medical Robotics and Automation (MRA):

Surgical robotics
Automated diagnostic systems
AI-assisted medical procedures

6. Genomics:

Personalized medicine solutions
Genetic testing and counselling platforms
Gene therapy technologies

7. Biomedical Systems:

Advanced medical imaging
Biomedical sensor technologies
Tissue engineering and regenerative medicine

8. Patient Care Journey:

Telemedicine and remote patient monitoring
Electronic health records and data management
Patient engagement and adherence solutions

9. Pandemic/health emergencies management

10. Malnutrition and stunting

11. Monetisation Strategies:

Your startup should have clear and sustainable monetisation strategies, showcasing a path to profitability and long-term financial viability.

Eligibility:

Groundbreaking founders and innovators across Africa who are already building startups that meet the following criteria:

- Startups with founders who are nationals of an African Country
- Startups must be registered and operating within Africa
- Startups must have been in operation for a minimum of one year
- Startups must address development challenges
- Must be a technology-based solution
- Startups must have a Minimum Viable Solution (MVS) (regulated and licenced if necessary)
- Startups should have existing corporate governance systems and accountability.
- This application is limited to citizens of the African Union member states.



Programme Timeline:

What is the Programme timeline?

- **Application and Selection Process:** August 2024 – October 2024
- **Bootcamp:** November 2024 – December 2024 (Attendance in Kigali, Rwanda from November 7th – 17th 2024)
- **Incubation & Acceleration:** January 2025 – May 2025

The most promising startups from the bootcamp will receive long-term wrap around support for a period of 5 months. In this curated technical assistance, coaching, product refinement, and scaling will be provided to startups. Additionally, partnerships will be facilitated to spur product iterations, market access and capital raising for the startups. Startups selected for incubation and acceleration will have the opportunity to receive equity-free grants of up to \$100,000 USD.



Benefits:

- Membership in the pioneer cohort of the timbuktoo HealthTech startup accelerator programme and hub, and the entire timbuktoo ecosystem.
- Mentorship from industry experts and seasoned entrepreneurs.
- Equity-free funding of up to \$100,000 USD.
- Networking with potential partners, collaborators, and customers.
- Access to investor networks.
- Resources and support to accelerate growth and impact.
- Access to networks and agencies within the larger UN system
- Access to networks and resources within the AfCTA system
- Impact and shape a pan-African HealthTech evolution



How to Apply:

- **Complete the Application here.**
- **Applications open:** 27th August 2024
- **Deadline:** 6th October 2024

