



THE TONY ELUMELU  
FOUNDATION



# **2026 TONY ELUMELU FOUNDATION ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROGRAMME APPLICATION REVIEW EXERCISE**

**Request for Proposals**

**from Consultants**

# ABOUT THE TONY ELUMELU FOUNDATION

[The Tony Elumelu Foundation](#) is the leading philanthropy empowering a new generation of African entrepreneurs, driving poverty eradication, catalyzing job creation across all 54 African countries, and ensuring inclusive economic empowerment. The Tony Elumelu Foundation was founded in 2010 with a mission to catalyze Africa's economic transformation through entrepreneurship development. Since the launch of the TEF Entrepreneurship Programme in 2015, the Foundation has supported over 1.5 million young Africans on its training digital hub, [TEFConnect](#), and disbursed USD100 million in direct funding to nearly 24,000 young African women and men who have collectively created over 400,000 jobs and generated US\$2.5billion in revenue.

The Foundation's mission is rooted in the economic philosophy of Africapitalism, which positions the private sector, and most importantly entrepreneurs, as the key enabler of economic and social wealth creation in Africa.

## TEF ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROGRAMME APPLICATION REVIEW EXERCISE

The Application review kicks off as soon as applicants commence submitting their applications on TEFConnect and are graded. The review phase runs concurrently with the general application phase.

### **The selection review of the submitted applications will involve:**

- 1. Acceptance of completed applications:** Completed applications that meet the minimum percentage score and have provided consistent and quality responses will be sent to the third-party consultant to review using the official criteria.
- 2. Rejection of uncompleted applications:** Applications that do not meet the minimum percentage score will not proceed to the consultant review phase.



The application review period & reporting will be from the **12<sup>th</sup> of January to the 6<sup>th</sup> of March 2026(8 weeks)**

## THE APPLICATION REVIEW DELIVERABLES

1. To thoroughly review 10,000+ applications and rank top performing applicants with viable & feasible businesses accordingly from all 54 African countries (**Benin, Burkina Faso ,Cape Verde ,Cote D' Ivoire ,Gambia ,Ghana ,Guinea ,Guinea Bissau ,Liberia ,Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Sierra Leone ,Burundi ,Comoros ,Djibouti ,Eritrea ,Ethiopia ,Madagascar Mauritius, Rwanda, Seychelles ,Somalia South Sudan ,Zambia ,Zimbabwe ,Angola ,Chad ,Congo Brazzaville, Congo DRC, Central African Republic ,Equatorial Guinea Gabon ,Sao Tome and Principe, Botswana ,Lesotho ,Namibia ,South Africa ,Swaziland ,Algeria, Egypt, Morocco, Sudan, Tunisia, Nigeria.**)
2. Train enumerators for first level preliminary review with agreed Framework and criteria.
3. Provide a reporting mechanism for the TEF team to get progress on reviews as well as operational feedback.
4. Institutionalize weekly meetings with the TEF team to discuss the review process, numbers and insights.
5. At the end of the review exercise, the consultant will share the detailed and comprehensive methodology, evaluation, scoresheet and final lists.
6. Provide the detailed and comprehensive methodology, evaluation, scoresheet and final lists based on the number of contributory partners.



# THE APPLICATION REVIEW CRITERIA

All applications are to be evaluated based on a combination of secondary Yes/No questions for each of the 5 agreed criteria. Each question has its own weight, and the total number of points on the questions that are given a “Yes” informs the final score for that criterion.

S/N	Criterion	Description	Weight
1	Elevator Pitch	<p>Has the entrepreneur clearly defined the product/ service offering?</p> <p>Has the entrepreneur shown passion and commitment in describing their idea or existing business?</p>	20%
2	Problem solved	<p>Has the entrepreneur clearly how the product /service meets customer demand / market needs?</p> <p>Is the business practical?</p> <p>Will people be willing to pay for the product or service?</p> <p>Can the business create jobs and /or have wealth creation potential?</p>	30%
3	Wow Us	<p>Is the entrepreneur able to demonstrate that the business idea is unique, original, and innovative.</p> <p>Has the entrepreneur defined the target market or market segment for his or her product / service?</p>	20%
4	Leadership & Entrepreneurial Skills	<p>Has the entrepreneur provided details of accomplishments with respect to mobilizing people and resources?</p> <p>Has the entrepreneur stated his or her experience and technical expertise?</p> <p>Has the entrepreneur defined key learnings from previous experience?</p>	30%
			<b>100%</b>

## INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

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## THE PRESENTATION OF TECHNICAL PROPOSAL

Applicants' proposal documents must address all requirements detailed in the terms of reference.

S/N	Technical proposal Evaluation (Summary)	Score weight	Points Obtainable
1	Expertise of the firm	20%	200
2	Proposed Methodology, Approach, and Implementation Plan	40%	400
3	Team Structure and Key Technical Personnel	20%	200
4	Budget	20%	200
		<b>100%</b>	<b>1000</b>

## SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The proposal shall be made available in both hard and electronic copies. An electronic version shall be emailed to the address stated below.

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**Proposal Due date:** Proposal must be sent on or before Friday 15th November 2025