



A TRANSFORMATIVE SUMMER EXPERIENCE



AFRICAN LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Global Scholars Program

The Global Scholars Program (GSP) at African Leadership Academy brings together teens aged 13-19 from around the world for an immersive experience in leadership, problem-solving and adventure.

Participants learn alongside peers from across the globe, ALA alumni, international educators and changemakers while discovering the history, culture and beauty of South Africa. Through workshops, team challenges, reflection and experiences beyond the classroom, participants deepen their understanding of themselves and begin turning their ideas into action.



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Young Leaders
transformed at
GSP since 2011



30+

Nationalities
represented
at GSP



5:1

Average Ratio of
Participants to
Program Staff

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African Leadership Academy
Developing the next generation of African leaders



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LEARN BY DOING.

GSP is built around active learning. Workshops are combined with reflection, team challenges, hands-on projects and experiences beyond the classroom, giving participants opportunities to put new leadership skills into practice.



MAKE REAL CONNECTIONS.

Participants join a diverse community of young people from around the world. Through shared challenges, conversations and experiences, they learn to work across differences, deepen their understanding of themselves and build relationships that can continue long after GSP ends.



EXPLORE SOUTH AFRICA.

Johannesburg becomes an extension of the classroom. Curated excursions allow participants to experience South Africa's history, nature, culture and contemporary communities while building friendships and creating lasting memories. Depending on the program, experiences may include team-building adventures, historical sites, nature and wildlife experiences, and visits to community organizations.

Past experiences have included Acrobranch, Liliesleaf Farm, Walter Sisulu National Botanical Garden, Gold Reef City and wildlife experiences.



LEARN.



TWO EXPERIENCES. TWO WAYS TO GROW.

GSP EXPLORE

Leadership Foundations

Explore helps participants better understand who they are as leaders and where they want to go next.

Through workshops focused on self-awareness, servant leadership, communication, teamwork and goal mapping, participants use ALA's BUILD model to turn reflection into action.

Participants examine their strengths, values and aspirations while learning how to collaborate with others and contribute meaningfully to their communities.

GSP ENGAGE

Entrepreneurial Leadership in Action

Engage introduces participants to ALA's Entrepreneurial Leadership and human-centered design thinking models.

Participants learn to identify community challenges, understand the people affected by them and develop context-specific solutions.

Working collaboratively, they apply their learning to a real challenge and develop a physical or digital product connected to at least one Sustainable Development Goal.

Across both experiences, participants develop:

Leadership • Self-Awareness • Collaboration • Communication • Problem-Solving
• A Commitment to Community Impact



TURN LEARNING INTO ACTION.

Every participant leaves GSP with more than memories. They leave with concrete work that captures what they have learned, what they want to achieve and how they can turn their ideas into action.

GSP EXPLORE

Trajectory Map: A personal leadership roadmap centered on a goal the participant wants to achieve over the next 3-5 years. Participants identify the skills, experiences and mindset shifts they will need to move from where they are today toward the leader they want to become.

Community Idea: Working in teams around shared interests or causes, participants develop an initiative that responds to a community challenge and aims to create sustainable impact.

GSP ENGAGE

Leadership Portfolio: A personal record of growth throughout the program. Participants reflect on teamwork, collaboration, conflict, emotional intelligence and leadership, and develop SMART goals that provide a roadmap for continued growth.

Community Product: Working in teams, participants develop a physical or digital solution to a community challenge identified through observation and site visits. Using human-centered design thinking, teams connect their solution to at least one Sustainable Development Goal.

GSP IDEAS FESTIVAL

Both GSP experiences culminate in the GSP Ideas Festival, where participants present their Community Ideas or Community Products to the African Leadership Academy community. It is an opportunity to share what they have built, articulate what they have learned and celebrate how far they have come.

REGISTER TODAY.

Visit our website, watch our videos, download our brochure and find answers to frequently asked questions.

GSP Explore

Session 1: 28 June - 9 July 2027

Session 2: 19 July - 30 July 2027

Session 3: 2 August - 13 August 2027

\$2,800 for African residents

\$3,500 for International applicants

GSP Engage

Session 1: 28 June - 12 July 2027

\$4,250 for African residents

\$5,250 for International applicants

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Both GSP experiences are open to students aged 13-19.

Qualify for a **20% early bird discount** if you apply and pay the full program fee by December 30, 2026.