

Schmidt Futures, Rhodes Trust and AIMS Announce Second Cohort of Rise Global Winners

Global Program Expands its Community of Next Generation Leaders to 22 New Countries

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[/EINPresswire.com/](https://EINPresswire.com/) -- Schmidt Futures, in partnership with the Rhodes Trust, announced the second cohort of 100 Rise Global Winners. Rise finds brilliant people who need opportunity and supports them for life as they work to serve others. It is the flagship program of Schmidt Futures and the anchor of a broader \$1 billion philanthropic commitment from Eric and Wendy Schmidt to talent development across their initiatives. AIMS is proud to partner with Rise to identify and support talented young people aged 15-17 in communities throughout Africa.



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Our 2022 Rise Global Winners include youth aiming to promote literacy among underprivileged children; predict the effect of Alzheimer's drugs using bioinformatics; create a sustainable gummy vitamin that combats anaemia; educate communities on mental health stigmas and many more. With over 22 new countries represented this year, the global program continues to further expand its network with a broader range of talented young leaders from diverse backgrounds, including applicants from over 170 countries.

Schmidt Futures' mission is to bet early on exceptional people making the world better. Betting on young people between the ages of 15-17 and potentially staying with them for life, Rise is both the earliest and the longest bet on talent in Schmidt Futures' portfolio.

This year, AIMS is proud that Henrietta N.A. Boateng, - is the first Rise Winner from Ghana. AIMS is honored to have played a part in spreading the word about Rise, supporting youth in applying,

and providing exciting programming opportunities.

“We are looking for extraordinarily bright people everywhere because genius can have an outsized impact on improving the world when applied to its hardest problems,” said Eric Schmidt, co-founder of Schmidt Futures. “Building a network of brilliant young people who want to make the world better is a key goal of Rise. Development in today’s world depends on people working together.”

“Today’s announcement of the Rise Winners is not the conclusion of a process, but rather the starting point for the young people in the program. They will have continuing opportunities

to change the world for the better as they continue their education and find ways to collaborate,” said Wendy Schmidt, co-founder of Schmidt Futures and president of The Schmidt Family Foundation. “We are counting on them to become future leaders, using their collective gifts to help solve the world’s most challenging problems.”



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We celebrate our Ghanaian Global Winner, and look forward to continuing to empower them as they harness their talents and..., become the next generation of African leaders.”

*Lydie Hakizimana, CEO, of
AIMS.*

Rise remains intentionally broad both in the selection of talent and in their projects to help unveil hidden brilliance, in whatever form it takes, wherever it is in the world. The program further prides itself in recognizing brilliance with unique perspectives and across various focus areas, skills, and issues. Since its inception, Rise has welcomed over 150,000 people from over 170 countries to its community, and has selected 200 winners from 69 countries of origin. From over 120,000 registrants, the 2022 Winners were selected after a rigorous application process which included peer and expert review of service projects, formal

assessments of talent, and group interviews. The 2022 Winners stood out not only for their impactful projects spanning from medical innovation to mental health and education but also for their strength in overcoming adversity.

As a result of global program growth in year two, Schmidt Futures and The Rhodes Trust are proud to welcome the program’s first Winners from Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bulgaria,

Burkina Faso, Ghana, Iran, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Lebanon, Libya, Myanmar (Burma), Paraguay, Poland, Romania, Sri Lanka, Switzerland, Tajikistan, Tunisia and Vietnam.

"We believe that the answers to the world's toughest problems lie in the imagination of the world's brightest minds," said Eric Braverman, CEO of Schmidt Futures. "Rise is an integral part of our mission to create the best, largest, and most enduring pipeline of exceptional talent globally and match it to opportunities to serve others for life."

"As a pan-African network of centres of excellence in mathematical sciences, through our partnership with Rise, we are proud to further our mission to enable the continent's youth to become leading innovators," said Lydie Hakizimana, CEO of AIMS.

"Selecting 100 Global Winners from such a deep pool of brilliant young people was quite a challenge, and we are very grateful to all of our partners who helped in the selection process," said Dr. Elizabeth Kiss, Warden of Rhodes House in Oxford and Chief Executive of the Rhodes Trust. "Our newest Rise Winners come from every corner of the globe, and we can't wait to bring them together – and then invest in their lifelong journeys to serve their communities and build a better world."

Everyone who applies to Rise joins a global community and gains access to opportunities from partners in countries across the world. The latest Rise Winners receive additional personalized support including need-based scholarships, mentorship, career development opportunities, potential funding for future ventures, technology packages, and more, to empower them to achieve their goals as they work to serve others.

About The Rhodes Trust

The Rhodes Trust, based at the University of Oxford, builds a better world through global fellowship programmes that develop and connect compassionate, innovative, and public-spirited people committed to solving humanity's challenges. Our flagship programme, established in 1903, is the Rhodes Scholarship, the world's pre-eminent graduate scholarship. visit <https://www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk/>

About Schmidt Futures

Schmidt Futures bets early on exceptional people making the world better. Founded by Eric and Wendy Schmidt, Schmidt Futures is a philanthropic initiative that brings talented people together in networks to prove out their ideas and solve hard problems in science and society. To learn more about our method and the diverse types of capital and tools that we deploy, visit <https://www.schmidtfutures.com>

About AIMS

Founded in 2003, the African Institute for Mathematical Sciences (AIMS) is a pan-African network of centres of excellence for post-graduate training in mathematical sciences, research and public engagement in STEM. With centres in South Africa, Senegal, Ghana, Cameroon and Rwanda,

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