

## Ready to Lead Africa

Lagos, Nigeria



Applications  
due: April 1

[Ready To Lead Africa \(RTLA\)](#) is a non-profit movement made up of emerging civic leaders dedicated to the promotion of constitutional democracy, civic pride engagements, human rights, and the development of young but competent leaders across the African continent. RTLA is focused on nurturing emerging, visionary, bold, and highly motivated young leaders who will implement progressive and growth-promoting policies throughout the African continent. The movement will be known for mobilizing youth energy in Africa for positive engagement and outcomes with the slogan: “OURS IS TO PLOUGH, and NOT TO PLUNDER.”

RTLA implements initiatives in the following areas to support its mission:

- Promotion of constitutional democracy
- Support of youth candidates and credible elections
- Encouragement of civic pride engagements
- Advancement of youth economic opportunity and innovations
- Promotion of public accountability and communal integrity
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Read more [about RTLA's Global President, Godbless Otubure](#).

*This Virtual Global Internship is offered through a partnership between UVA's International Studies Office/Global Internships and the Presidential Precinct. The Presidential Precinct has proudly hosted Mandela Washington Fellows in Charlottesville since 2014. Mandela Washington Fellows are accomplished young leaders from every country in Sub-Saharan Africa. A fellowship alumna/us will serve as host and mentor of this unique Virtual Global Internship.*

### Description of internship:

- Student-interns would be asked to engage in research, program development, fundraising, and communications related to RTLA's current initiatives.

- Specifically, student-interns would have the opportunity to play a role in the launch of the [RTLA's Global Project and Policy Think-Tank \(GPPT\)](#) by identifying and communicating with potential candidates for joining the GPPT network.
- Other recent projects have addressed timely issues, including the integrity of elections and bolstering the motivation of Nigeria's healthcare workers during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Student-interns with RTLA will have the chance to learn alongside team members who are dedicated to the development of democracy as led by youth across the African continent.

### Preferred qualifications:

*\*\*UVA requirement: All candidates must be in good academic and disciplinary standing.\*\**

- The candidate should display a strong interest and/or previous experience engaging in civic and political projects. He/she should be passionate about promoting global democracy. An ideal candidate for this position would have interest in or be actively learning about politics in the African context.
- Prior experience with research, program development, fundraising, communications, leadership development, and/or community organization would be appreciated.
- Candidates must have the strong motivation to work in diverse teams and across language barrier, if need be, to facilitate projects in an inclusive and cooperative manner.
- Interns must be highly independent, self-motivated, and diligent so they can successfully complete projects as assigned.
- Students must be supremely flexible and willing to contribute to the changing needs of the organization in whatever ways are most useful.

### Language requirements:

- English