

Call for Applications

Application Overview

Open to any individual interested in HIV prevention advocacy currently residing in Southern or Eastern Africa:

- Six-month program with 3-6 hour/week commitment
- Fully funded online coursework in HIV prevention and advocacy
- One-on-one mentorship
- Modest communication stipend
- Small project grant

Application Deadline: March 8, 2024

Shortlisted Candidate Interviews: April 8 – April 19, 2024

Pre-Program Orientation: Week of May 27-31, 2024

Program Dates: June 3 - December 8, 2024

Interested in applying? Learn more [here](#).

About AVAC

AVAC was founded in 1995 as the AIDS Vaccine Advocacy Coalition to speed the development of preventive HIV vaccines. Now, AVAC works to accelerate the ethical development and global delivery of HIV prevention options as part of a comprehensive and integrated response to the epidemic. Through education, policy analysis, advocacy and a network of global collaborations, we mobilize and support efforts to:

- **DELIVER** proven HIV prevention tools for immediate impact.
- **DEMONSTRATE** and roll out new HIV prevention options.
- **DEVELOP** long-term solutions needed to end the epidemic.

Learn more about who we are and what we do at our [website](#).

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Advocacy Navigator Program

The *Advocacy Navigator* is an AVAC professional development opportunity combining training and mentorship for young and emerging advocates in the field of HIV prevention advocacy. The program mobilizes a cohort of ambitious individuals and facilitates the transfer of knowledge and skills to support the participants in confidently engage in HIV prevention advocacy. The program provides online coursework, personalized mentorship by seasoned advocates, and opportunities to directly apply learning through a Community Advocacy Project. [AVAC Advocacy Fellows](#) program alumni serve as mentors to connect *Navigators* (program participants) to AVAC’s growing global network, bolstering existing campaigns and fueling advocacy efforts. The program involves three months of coursework and project development, followed by three months of “project implementation” whereby participants implement their Community Advocacy Project with the support of their mentor.

Application materials can be found [here](#).

Program Benefits & Support

Participation in the program is free for all accepted participants, who can expect to receive:

- **Capacity Strengthening:** curated training in relevant topics such as HIV prevention research, product introduction and access, and advocacy strategies and tactics
- **Skills Building:** opportunity to design and implement a Community Advocacy Project, providing hands-on experience built on community needs and the participant’s area of interest
- **Mentorship:** ongoing mentorship and support from seasoned HIV prevention advocates
- **Networking:** connection and access to AVAC’s growing global network of advocates and invitations to participate in future AVAC-sponsored events and trainings
- **Communication Stipend:** a modest monthly stipend to offset any data and communication expenses required to fully participate in the program
- **Project Grant:** a modest budget to implement elements of the participant’s Community Advocacy Project
- **Certificate of Completion:** all participants who successfully complete the program will receive an official certificate

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Eligibility

- The program is open to any full-time, part-time, volunteer, or unemployed individuals located in Eastern and Southern Africa
- The program encourages applicants with an interest in HIV prevention advocacy and those who ally or identify with key populations
- AVAC strongly encourages former and/or future applicants to the AVAC Advocacy Fellows Program
- Applicants must have access to internet, a personal or work laptop or computer, and a mobile phone
- Applicants must be English-speaking
- Seasoned and experienced individuals are welcome to apply, but preference will be given to young and emerging HIV prevention advocates (e.g., those with 1-3 years of experience in the field)

Program Expectations

Throughout the course of the six-month program, participants will be expected to:

- Attend a pre-program orientation and communication training
- Commit a minimum of 3-6 hours per week to online coursework, meeting with your mentor, and/or engaging with your Community Advocacy Project
- Complete all required course readings and assignments, as outlined in the course curriculum
- Engage in regular meetings with your assigned mentor
- Design and implement a Community Advocacy Project
- Develop a one-page concept note of short and long-term goals describing how you plan to continue to engage in HIV prevention advocacy work

How to Apply

Click [here](#) to access the application materials.

Questions should be sent to: fellows@avac.org