

THE ABE BAILEY LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

2026 CONDITION OF AWARD

The Abe Bailey Leadership Development Programme is awarded to candidates nominated by participating universities following a formal internal selection process. The Programme should be widely publicised to ensure broad participation.

Eligibility

- Nominees must be third-year students or above, or Junior Lecturers.
- Nominees must be South African citizens holding a valid South African passport.
- Nominees must be 25 years of age or younger at the commencement of the Programme.
- Nominees must confirm acceptance of, and commitment to, the Programme Objectives.

Application Requirements

Universities must ensure that nominated candidates submit a complete application, including:

- Personal and contact details;
- Academic history and results;
- Extra-curricular, leadership, and community involvement;
- Details of any prior visits to the United Kingdom;
- Two recent references addressing leadership qualities, character, and suitability;
- A letter of motivation explaining the applicant's interest in the Programme and alignment with its objectives.

General Conditions

- Married nominees may be selected, provided they participate unaccompanied.
- Bursars must be proficient in English and physically fit to participate fully in the Programme.
- Successful candidates may not join late, interrupt, or withdraw from the Programme once commenced.
- Applicants pursuing other major scholarships should ensure no conflict with Programme dates.

Programme Dates

The 2026 Leadership Development Programme will take place from 25 November to 17 December 2026.

Selection and Governance

- Final selections are made by the Trustees of the Abe Bailey Trust.
- All Trustee decisions are final and binding.
- The Trustees reserve the right to amend Programme conditions at their discretion.

Liability

The Trustees' liability is limited to the value of the bursary awarded and does not extend to activities undertaken outside the formal Programme.