



# STARS

**Strategic Training  
Achievements for  
Research Success**

*Bidirectional Training to Enhance Cancer Research Capacity in Africa*

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## Principles

- **Bilateral Interactions:** Mentorship must involve input from both the US and from Africa for the trainee to understand practices that are both impactful and relevant to the local SSA context.
- **Africa-Centric Protocols and Practices:** We recognize that models for the conduct of cancer research in SSA can be based on those developed in the US and elsewhere, but these must be adapted to the SSA setting.
- **Global Scientific Impact, Local Public Health Impact:** The research results from the proposed training plan will generate knowledge that has a broad scientific impact and can be published in the best journals in the world. However, our trainees' research must also be driven by local SSA needs, opportunities, and potential public health impact.

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# “Communities of Practice”

Lave and Wenger 1988



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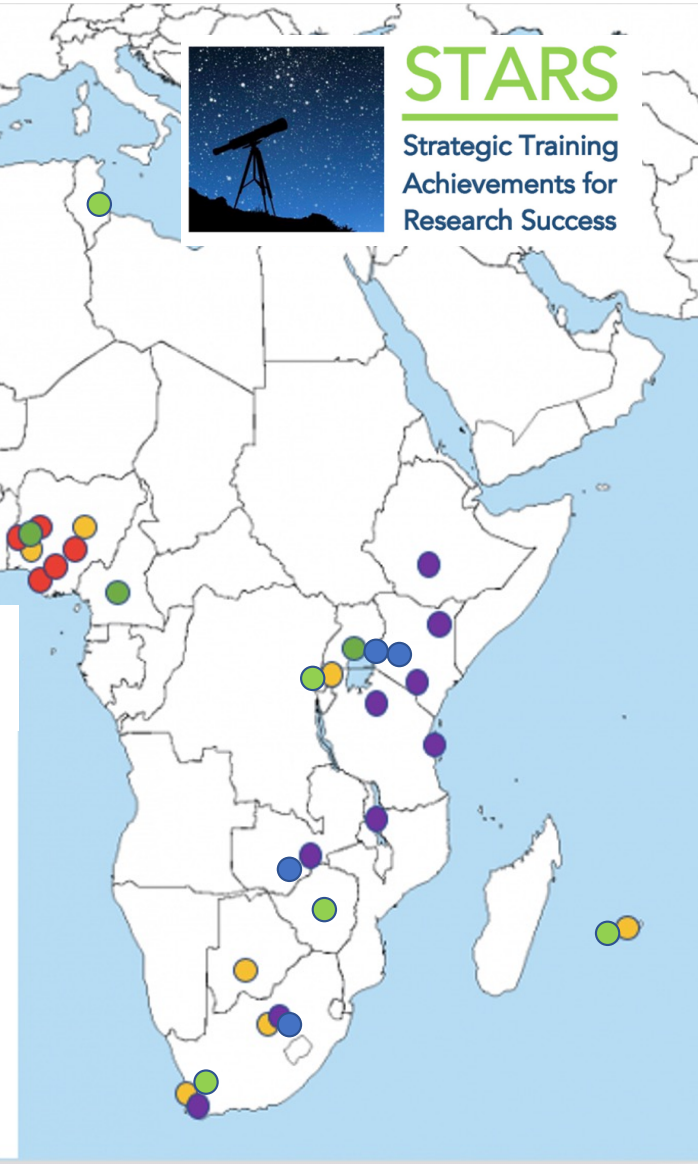


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**Participating Networks** (Note: Applicants need not be affiliated with these networks or institutions but may benefit from these linkages)

- African Oncogenetics Network (AON)
- MADCaP (Men of African Descent and Carcinoma of the Prostate)
- ARGO (African Research Group in Oncology)
- ABCS (African Breast Cancer Study)
- African Esophageal Cancer Consortium (AFRECC)
- African Hepatopancreatobiliary Cancer Consortium
- ★ Operational Training Headquarters: Dana-Farber Harvard Cancer Center (DF/HCC) and Institut de Formation et de la Recherche en Urologie et de la Santé de la Famille (IFRU-SF )





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## Training Tracks

**A Principal Investigator (PI-STARS) Track:** for doctoral-level investigators who will be trained to demonstrate leadership in independent and collaborative research, and

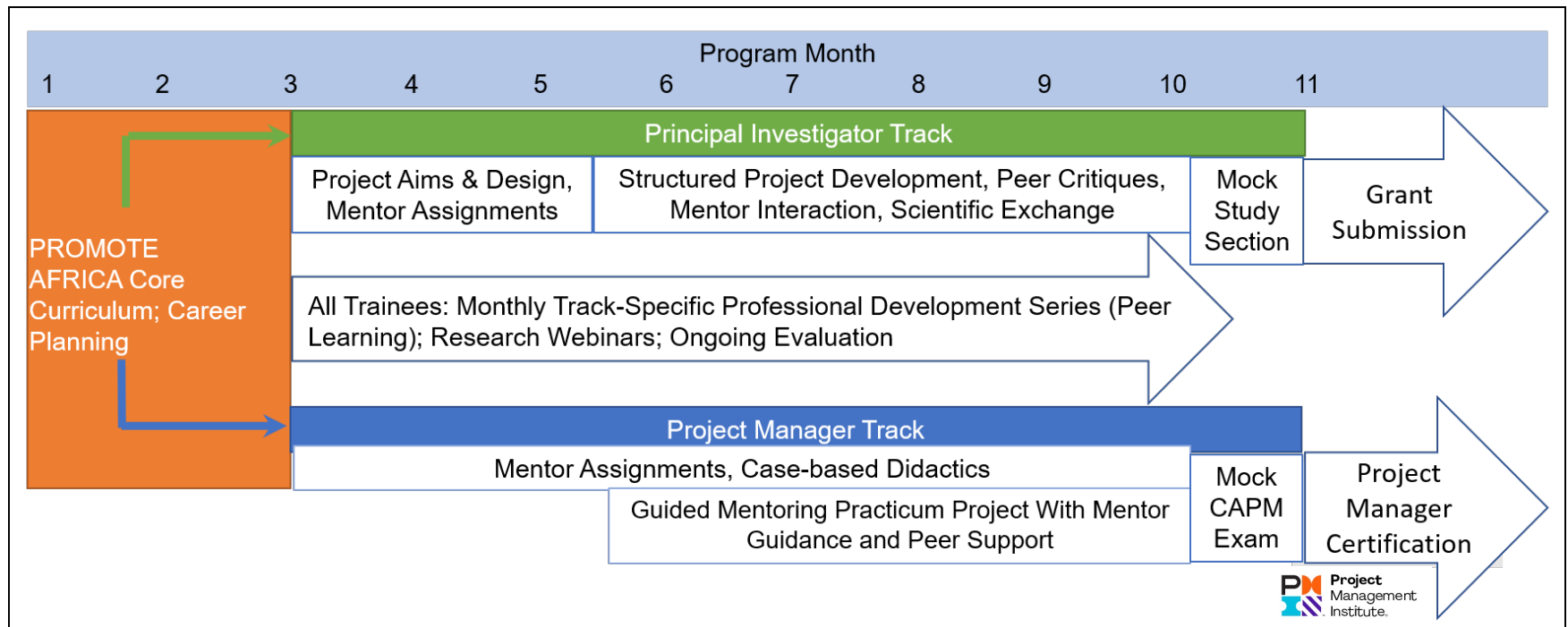
**A Project Manager (PM-STARS) Track:** for those interested in gaining skills in project management to be able to support the conduct of research.

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## Training Activities and Timeline



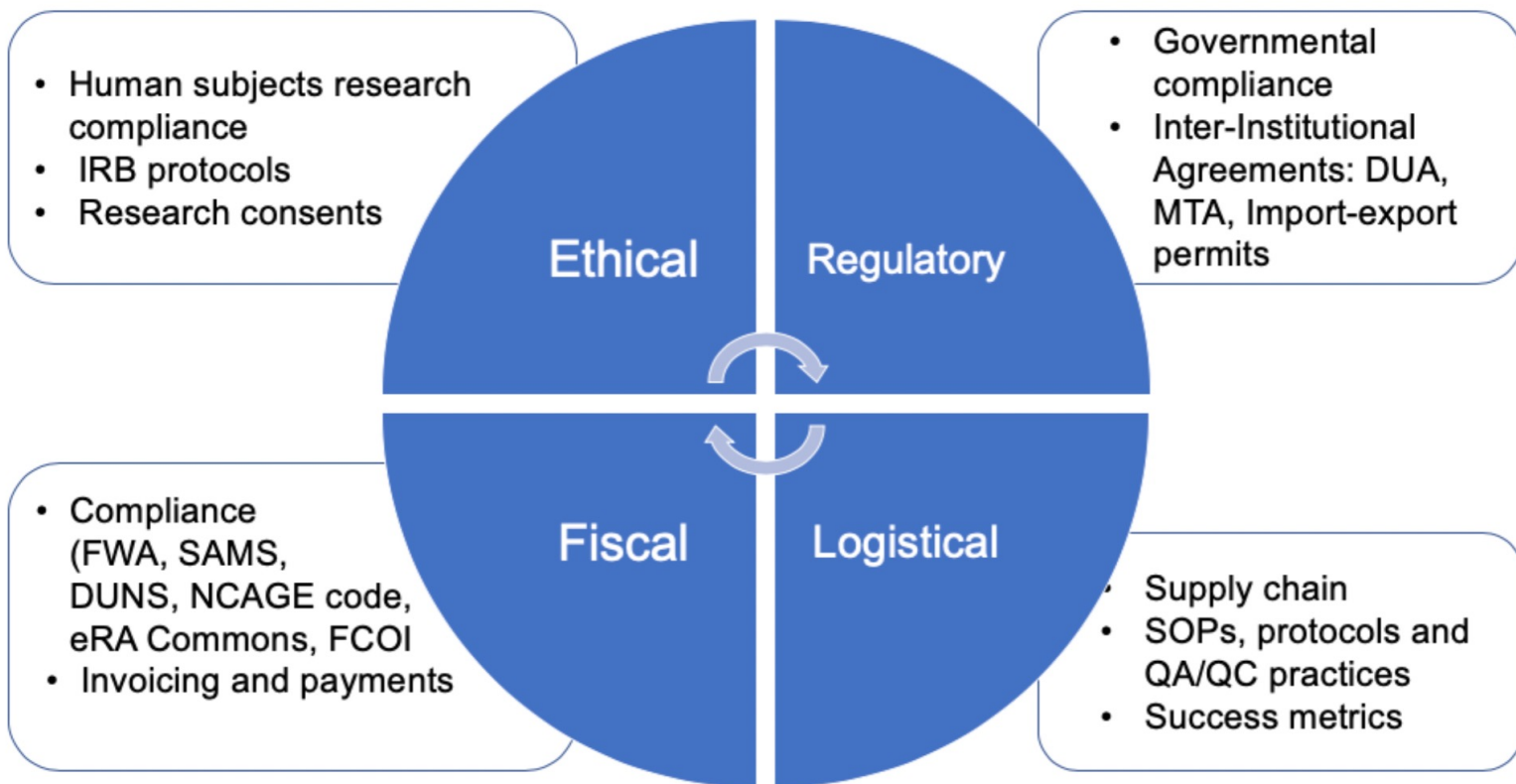
*Expectation: Part-time participation over a 9-month training period*

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# PROMOTE Curriculum



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## Eligibility & Requirements

- Applicants must be Sub-Saharan African (SSA) nationals resident in SSA (eligible countries list found in application materials).
- Each applicant must have a sponsor and may identify a mentoring team.
- Eligible Organizations must be located in SSA, and include:
  - Public/State and Private Institutions of Higher Education
  - Nonprofit Organizations Other Than Institutions of Higher Education, including research institutes or centers.
  - Eligible Agencies of Local, State, Provincial, or Federal Government
  - Hospitals, Medical Centers and other Free-standing Clinical Service Providers
  - Employees of For-Profit Organizations are not eligible to apply.
- Applications can come from any institution in SSA. A list of pre-approved institutions can be found in the application materials.
- Competitive review process:
  - Scientific review by an international expert panel
  - Programmatic review by a steering committee

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## Application Process

Date	Activity
Dec 31, 2021	Online LOI Submission Deadline
Jan 10, 2022	Second Informational Session
Feb 4, 2022	Online Application Submission Deadline
Feb-Mar 2022	Peer Review by External Experts
Mar-Apr 2022	Programmatic Review
Apr 2022	Awardee Notification
May 2022	Training Begins

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Program Information and  
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Dankie! *Asante sana!*

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