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## Nile Project Launches University Program with its inaugural class of Nile Fellows

Built upon the same cross-cultural collaboration principles of its musicians collective, the Nile Project is launching its University Program to bring together students from Nile Basin countries to collaborate on solving river sustainability challenges within a participatory leadership framework. This one of a kind program is the first multi-disciplinary, trans-boundary platform for environmentally-minded youth in the Nile Basin to work together and conceptualize the Nile River as a shared resource & ecosystem.

In partnership with 6 universities in Egypt, Ethiopia, Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania, the Nile Project is launching the University Program with its inaugural class of Nile Fellows - a unique 12-month leadership program designed to support young, visionary, and action-oriented university students with the tools they need to affect sustainable and long-lasting change in Nile communities. Fellows will get to travel, meet, and collaborate with each other. Through their annual Nile Gathering and online dialogue tools, fellows will join a support network of like-minded peers in order to share their experiences and findings.

Beyond these unique networking and collaboration opportunities, Nile Fellows will hone their leadership, communication, and organizational skills while learning about the cultures and ecology of the Nile Basin. They will receive mentorship from professionals and will learn how to use design thinking tools to develop innovative development solutions. They will also be given the opportunity to prototype and test these solutions in communities.

“The program is truly unique in its design - it combines travel and regional collaboration, leadership opportunities and training with practical community work,” said Mai Shalaby, the Nile Project’s University Program Manager. “It’s an incredible opportunity for students who want to make a difference in the Nile Basin.”

During their fellowship, participating students will establish and lead Nile Project Clubs on their university campuses which will partner with local communities to develop innovative projects

focused on food sustainability. The Nile Project Clubs will host activities for both the students and community members that enhance mutual understanding, knowledge transfer, and experience sharing.

“In the Nile Project, we use our musical collaborations to inspire dialogue, learning, and action. I believe that our University Program will magnify this impact by connecting young changemakers and innovators across the basin,” said Mina Girgis, Nile Project CEO.

For more information about the **Nile Project University Program**, click [here](#)

To find out more about the **Nile Fellows**, click [here](#)

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