

# Applications open for MEST class of 2020

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The Meltwater Entrepreneurial School of Technology (MEST) has opened applications for its next one-year, fully-sponsored entrepreneurial training programme in Accra, Ghana.



Launched in 2008, [MEST](#) – which last month announced its [class of 2019](#) – is a pan-African training programme, seed fund and incubator for technology entrepreneurs in Africa, providing critical skills training in software development, business and communications.

[Applications](#) are open until 8 February 2019 for the [programme](#), which will offer successful applicants in-depth training and mentorship, access to a global network and the opportunity to build the next generation of global software companies.

The training is delivered by global experts and includes extensive hands-on project work, as well as mentorship from successful entrepreneurs, CEOs and other executives from Silicon Valley, Europe and Africa. The programme culminates in an investor pitch for seed funding and the opportunity to grow a business out of one of the pan-African MEST incubators in Lagos, Accra, Cape Town and, soon, Nairobi.

Previous successful graduates include Winnie Akoko of [Anitrack](#), Sakhile Xulu of [Qisimah](#), Kena Amoah of [Kudobuzz](#), Kelvin Nyame of [MeQasa](#), and Segun Adeyemi of [Amplify](#).

“Our goal at MEST is to enable entrepreneurs in Africa to build scalable businesses – not just apps,” said MEST managing director Aaron Fu. “One of the ways we look to do that is through the significant Pan-African diversity in our program, which offers our EITs a strong network and a deeper understanding of problems and markets across the continent, from day one.”

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