

POLICY AND LEGAL ADVOCACY CENTRE WITH SUPPORT FROM THE EUROPEAN UNION (EU)

CALL FOR PROPOSALS:
PLAC LEGISLATIVE INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME ALUMNI SUPPORT INITIATIVE

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Deadline for Submission: Friday, 18 July 2025 [11:59pm, West African Time]

1. Introduction

PLAC is pleased to announce the inaugural edition of its **Legislative Internship Alumni Support Initiative**. Supported by the European Union (EU), this initiative is designed to sustain engagement, encourage leadership, and foster innovation among former interns. It will facilitate the design and implementation of alumni-led projects advancing civic education, democratic participation, and legislative engagement—particularly among young people and marginalised groups.

The overall objective of the support is to strengthen the impact of the internship programme by supporting alumni through targeted initiatives that build capacity and promote continued participation in Nigeria’s democratic and legislative processes.

2. Rationale

Since its inception in 2013, the PLAC Legislative Internship Programme has equipped young Nigerians with the knowledge, skills, and exposure needed to engage effectively with legislative processes. With over 300 alumni spread across the country, there is a growing need to sustain this momentum by providing continued support that fosters deeper engagement in governance, professional growth, and collaboration. With alumni now working across sectors—from public service to civil society, the private sector, and academia—there is a strong opportunity to amplify the programme’s impact by investing in innovative post-internship initiatives of members of its alumni.

Many alumni members have shared ideas for community projects, awareness or advocacy campaigns, but lack strong networks, funding, or institutional backing to move forward. This initiative proposes to address this gap by:

- a. Encouraging alumni-led innovation in legislative and civic engagement;
- b. Providing useful resources and platforms to alumni;
- c. Facilitating continuous learning and mentorship;
- d. Promoting practical application of civic and legislative knowledge acquired; and,
- e. Fostering a spirit of accountability and leadership among alumni.

3. Expected Outcomes

- a. Increased alumni engagement in legislative and governance processes.
- b. Creation of a vibrant and sustainable alumni community.
- c. Foundation laid for future scale-up or thematic partnerships.
- d. Enhanced visibility on impact of the internship programme.
- e. Strengthened knowledge and participation of Nigerian citizens in governance.

4. Scope of Support

PLAC will provide funding support (administered by PLAC) to alumni projects focused on civic education, policy research, advocacy, or legislative engagement. Each support will fund one-off or short-term projects (1 to 5 months) aligned with one or more of the following themes:

- a. Civic Education and Awareness
- b. Community-Based Legislative monitoring and engagement
- c. Policy Research & Advocacy
- d. Youth/Women/PWDs (Persons with Disability) Participation in Governance
- e. Constitutional Literacy or Electoral Reform
- f. Human Rights

Each selected proposal will receive financial support valued at between ~~₦~~**200,000** and ~~₦~~**5,000,000** covering eligible costs such as workshops (venue hire, refreshments, transportation, and accommodation where necessary), production of campaign or awareness materials, digital tools, and honoraria for facilitation services.

5. Eligibility and Selection Criteria

Participation is open only to graduates or alumni of PLAC's Legislative Internship Programme (LIP). Therefore, applicant(s) must:

- a. Be verified alumni of the PLAC Legislative Internship Programme;
- b. Demonstrate continued interest and commitment to civic or legislative engagement;
- c. Submit a clear and feasible project proposal showing potential for impact and sustainability, and with a defined timeline and budget;
- d. Be willing to document and share project outcomes with the alumni network and PLAC's project partners.

Selection will be based on feasibility, thematic relevance, and projected impact. Preference will be given to:

- Projects with strong community or youth engagement focus;
- Proposals targeted at under-represented groups (e.g., women, youths, PWDs);
- Innovative tools and ideas with potential for scaling up and policy impact.

Note: Applicants are advised that funding under this call for proposals is strictly non-partisan. Initiatives that support, endorse, or oppose any political party, candidate for elective office, or partisan political activity will not be considered. All activities must be neutral and must not be used to advance any political interests or agendas.

6. The Concept Note

- a. Proposals must include a concept note with the project title and a summary of the project, which should be specific on the identified issue(s) it aims to tackle and outline how the activities proposed complement and align with the indicated thematic areas.
- b. The concept note should contain the following:
 - i. Background and Problem Statement
 - ii. Objectives and Expected Outcomes
 - iii. Project Activities and Implementation Plan
 - iv. Target Audience and Geographic Coverage
 - v. Summary Monitoring and Evaluation Plan
 - vi. Detailed Budget

7. Funding Information

- a. A detailed project budget must be provided as part of the concept note for approval by PLAC using the template provided.
- b. PLAC aims to support at least six initiatives or proposals. The maximum amount of support per proposal is N5,000,000.00 (five million naira).
- c. Selected applicants ***will not receive any direct cash transfers or payments***. PLAC will retain full fiduciary and operational responsibility for payments and disbursement of resources for approved activities in line with EU requirements.

8. Implementation timeline

All activities in response to this call are expected to be implemented within a maximum period of five months. Please note that this does not preclude short-term or even one-off activities. The relevance and impact of such one-off proposal should, however, be clearly demonstrated.

9. Submission Guidelines

- Proposals may be submitted by one person, a group of persons or a cohort working together.
- Proposals should be submitted on Google Form via this link:
<https://forms.gle/cfqxmcZkmd1uqyij7>
- The budget should be on an Excel spreadsheet using the attached template provided.
- The Excel document should be saved using the activity or concept title.
- The deadline for submission is **Friday, 18th July 2025 [11:59pm, West African Time]**

10. Contact

For enquiries, please send an email to: **LIPalumni@placng.org**