PROSPECTUS

Digital Assets & Compliance Founding Fellowship

A sixteen-week fellowship for the people who will implement Africa's digital asset rules, not merely comment on them.

Learn. Build. Lead. Shape Africa's Digital Future.

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weeks, part time, cohort based	modules, each with a deliverable	tracks of applied specialisation

01 / THE PREMISE

Rules are abundant. Implementation is scarce.

Across the continent, digital asset frameworks are arriving faster than the people who can operate them. The gap is not knowledge of the rules. It is the ability to turn a rule into a control, a control into evidence, and evidence into a decision a supervisor will accept.

Legum is an African compliance, regulatory advisory, executive education, policy implementation and regulatory intelligence company. We work with governments, financial institutions, fintechs, digital asset businesses and emerging technology companies to build trusted and compliant organisations.

The Fellowship is the workforce layer of that ecosystem. That is what allows it to offer live work rather than simulated exercises: the risk assessments, policy notes and corridor analyses produced in the programme are drawn from questions the practice, the research lab and the convening platform are already being asked.

The ecosystem behind the programme

- Legum Compliance: advisory and implementation practice.
- Legum Compliance Institute: executive education and certification.
- Legum Digital Assets & Compliance Dialogue: the flagship convening platform.
- African Stablecoin Compliance & Policy Lab: applied policy research.
- Financial Services Compliance Fellowship: our sister programme in traditional financial services.
- Regulatory intelligence platforms, research and policy initiatives.

02 / THE FELLOWSHIP

Sixteen weeks. Four phases. One portfolio.

The programme runs part time and cohort based, combining live sessions, clinics, simulations and supervised work. Attendance is expected, participation is assessed, and every module closes with something you made.

Phase 1 Weeks 1 to 4	Foundations. Technology, money and market structure. You learn to describe a digital asset system accurately and to explain it to a non-technical decision maker.
Phase 2 Weeks 5 to 9	Financial crime and regulation. Risk assessment, Travel Rule, sanctions, cross-border payments, privacy and consumer protection.
Phase 3 Weeks 10 to 13	Policy craft and technology in compliance. RegTech evaluation, regulatory intelligence, policy drafting, stakeholder engagement and negotiation.
Phase 4 Weeks 14 to 16	Leadership and institution building. Executive communication, systems thinking, ethics, portfolio review and the graduation summit.

How you are assessed

- Thirteen named deliverables, each marked against a published rubric.
- Two live defences: an investigation simulation and an executive briefing with hostile questioning.
- One capstone: a publication-standard policy brief on a live African regulatory question.
- A professional portfolio and career plan, reviewed by your mentor.

03 / TRACKS

Everyone completes all thirteen modules. Depth of application varies by track.

A Regulator and Supervisor

Focus. For central bank, securities commission, FIU and ministry staff. Applied work is framed as supervisory practice: authorisation conditions, examination planning, thematic review design and enforcement reasoning.

B Institution and Compliance Function

Focus. For compliance, risk, legal and audit professionals inside banks, exchanges, payment companies and VASPs. Applied work is framed as building and defending a control environment.

C Builder and Product

Focus. For founders, product leads and engineers. Applied work is framed as designing compliant products and negotiating the perimeter before the product ships.

D Policy and Research

Focus. For policy analysts, researchers, development partners and civil society. Applied work is framed as evidence: trackers, briefs and publishable analysis.

E Legal and Advisory

Focus. For private practice and in-house counsel advising on digital assets. Applied work is framed as opinions, characterisation memoranda and negotiated positions.

04 / CURRICULUM

Thirteen modules. Every one ends in something you made.

Technology & Markets	Modules 1 to 3 · 20% of programme weight
Financial Crime & Regulation	Modules 4 to 7 · 30%
Technology in Compliance & Policy Craft	Modules 8 to 10 · 25%
Leadership & Institution Building	Modules 11 to 13 · 25%

The modules at a glance

01	Foundations of Blockchain, Digital Assets & Web3
02	Money, Stablecoins & CBDCs
03	DeFi, Tokenization & Emerging Market Structures
04	AML/CFT & Financial Crime in Digital Assets
05	Travel Rule, Sanctions & Cross-Border Compliance
06	Cross-Border Payments, Remittances & Market Access
07	Consumer Protection, Privacy & Data Governance
08	RegTech, AI & Compliance Technology
09	Policy Development, Regulatory Research & Regulatory Intelligence
10	Stakeholder Engagement, Negotiation & Public-Private Collaboration
11	Leadership, Executive Communication, Public Speaking & Media
12	Systems Thinking, Project Management & Institution Building
13	Ethics, Professional Identity, Branding & Career Development

The companion curriculum document sets out learning objectives, case studies, hands-on exercises and the named assignment for each module.

05 / WHO IT IS FOR

A small cohort, selected for judgement rather than seniority.

We are looking for people who already carry responsibility for decisions, or who are about to. Titles vary. The common thread is that someone, somewhere, relies on your analysis.

You are likely a strong candidate if

- You work in supervision, compliance, risk, legal, policy or product, with a live digital asset mandate.
- You have at least three years of relevant professional experience, or exceptional demonstrated capability.
- You can commit to the full sixteen weeks, including live sessions and assessed deliverables.
- You write. The programme is written work, defended out loud.

Selection

Stage 1	Written application, including a short response to a live regulatory question.
Stage 2	Reference and eligibility verification.
Stage 3	Panel conversation with the Selection Committee.
Stage 4	Offer, funding decision and cohort onboarding.

06 / FACULTY AND MENTORSHIP

The bench, by profile.

- Serving and former supervisors from central banks, securities commissions and financial intelligence units.
- Heads of compliance and MLROs from exchanges, banks and payment institutions operating across African corridors.
- Blockchain analytics and investigations practitioners who work cases, not slide decks.
- Policy economists and legal academics working on monetary sovereignty and market structure.
- Communication and leadership coaches for the executive briefing and media components.

Mentorship

Every Fellow is matched with a mentor for the duration of the programme and for six months after it. Matching is by track and ambition, managed by the Mentorship Committee, with a written engagement agreement, a minimum contact schedule and a mid-programme review.

Guest practitioners

Each module hosts practitioners who have made the decision under discussion. Sessions run under the Chatham House Rule where candour requires it.

07 / LIVE WORK

Real questions, real audiences, real consequences.

A simulated exercise ends when the marking ends. Live work has a reader. Fellows contribute to the African Stablecoin Compliance & Policy Lab, populate sections of the Digital Asset Policy Tracker under a source verification protocol, and take operational problems from the practice through systems mapping to a recommendation delivered to management.

13	2	6
assessed deliverables per Fellow	live defences under questioning	months of post-programme mentoring

What you leave with

- A portfolio of work external audiences have seen, not a reading list.
- A capstone policy brief eligible for publication through the research programme.
- Membership of the alumni body and the Legum talent pool.
- A named certificate from the Legum Compliance Institute.

08 / FEES AND FUNDING

What it costs.

$100	$2,000	30%
application fee, non-refundable, payable on submission	programme tuition for the Founding Cohort	discount for applications submitted on or before 31 October 2026

Application fee	USD 100. Non-refundable. Covers assessment and panel review.
Programme tuition	USD 2,000, covering all thirteen modules, clinics, simulations, mentoring and the graduation summit.
Early application discount	30% reduction, bringing tuition to USD 1,400 for applications submitted on or before 31 October 2026.
Instalments	Available on request at the offer stage, in two or three payments across the programme.
Scholarships	Every seat in the Founding Cohort is substantially discounted. Partial scholarships are available for candidates from the public sector and from underrepresented markets.

Fees are set out in full in the published Terms, which also govern refunds, deferral and withdrawal.

09 / DATES AND HOW TO APPLY

The cycle.

31 October 2026	Early application deadline. 30% tuition discount applies to applications submitted on or before this date.
30 November 2026	Applications close for the Founding Cohort.
December 2026	Panel conversations, offers and funding decisions.
04 January 2027	Orientation and programme begins.
16 April 2027	Graduation summit, portfolio review and alumni induction.

How to apply

- Complete the written application, including the response to the live regulatory question.
- Nominate one professional reference who can speak to your judgement.
- Pay the USD 100 application fee to complete submission.
- Indicate whether you are applying for a partially funded place.

Applications, the prospectus request and briefing bookings are all handled on the Fellowship site.

10 / GOVERNANCE

Who is accountable.

Advisory Board	Seven to eleven external members from regulators, academia, industry, development partners and the alumni body. Strategic oversight, quarterly.
Programme Director	Overall delivery, budget, partnerships and external representation.
Academic Director	Curriculum integrity, assessment standards, research quality and faculty development.
Councils and committees	Faculty Council, Research Council, Selection Committee, Mentorship Committee and Alumni Council.
Ethics Committee	Independent chair and external members, reporting to the Advisory Board rather than to programme management. Conduct, conflicts, safeguarding, research ethics and final appeals.

Every cohort operates under a published policy set: Code of Conduct, Conflicts of Interest, Anti-Harassment and Safeguarding, Data Protection and Privacy, Academic Integrity, IP and Publication, Appeals and Grievance, and the Chatham House Rule protocol.

Implementation over theory. If that is how you want to learn, the Founding Cohort is open.

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