ABOUT US

WHO WE ARE

Founded in 2024 by Ryan Jordan, a US-EU student and entrepreneur at Harvard University, and by Madonna Okpaleke, an international lawyer with experience in both the African public and private sector, the SCOA Foundation was created to facilitate a way for students at top universities to engage with professional opportunities across Africa. SCOA is devoted to connecting the best minds with the best opportunities throughout the continent, and aims to educate and invest in the students today who will shape professional and political ties between the West and Africa tomorrow.

THANK YOU, & WE HOPE YOU WILL JOIN & SUPPORT US IN PURSUING SCOA'S MISSION

-The SCOA Team











CONNECTING WITH PARTNERS

SCOA is building chapters across the top institutions in the US and UK and enabling students to serve as consultants and operators online throughout the academic term, to hear from a curated selection of speakers, and to attend related events and conferences.



INTRODUCING STUDENTS TO AFRICAN BUSINESS

Each summer, SCOA will be sending selected students to two-week-long courses at the best African business schools so that they can interact with African students and learn about the legal environment, the political economy, and the essential business knowledge needed to become successful in Africa.



IMMERSION IN AFRICA

Following the academic programming, SCOA members will pursue internship experiences on the continent where they can apply their knowledge in a low-risk professional environment.

SCOA'S MISSION





WHY SHOULD YOU SUPPORT SCOA?

- Build brand exposure to interested talent at top institutions, including Harvard, MIT, and more.
- Create a talent pipeline to Africa and build stronger intercontinental businesses.
- Facilitate access to the SCOA network to connect and tap students during their college years.
- Invest in the next generation of business and political leaders while educating them about your business, sector, and country.

It's better to see something once than to hear about it a thousand times.

-Anonymous

OUR GOALS FOR 2024-2025

UNIVERSITY CHAPTERS

With 5 Chapters already under construction at Dartmouth, Harvard, Columbia, Princeton, and Cornell, SCOA aims to launch a total of 10 university chapters by fall 2024.



EXPANDING OUR NETWORK

We are thrilled to announce our partnership with Lagos Business School's EDC, and we aim to provide 100 students with the means to interact, study in, and intern in Africa from May-August, 2025.

THE NEXT 5 YEARS

- Ultimately, we want to create a bidirectional experience. In the next few years we hope to launch programs selecting top African undergraduates and exposing them to Business School programs and internship opportunities in the US and UK.
- Furthermore, we will begin inviting researchers and speakers from Africa to the US and UK to engage with SCOA.

YOUR ROLE IN BUILDING SCOA

The SCOA Foundation relies on strategic partners in order to increase its impact and to enable students to fully engage in Africa. Our Donors and Partners will play an instrumental role in not only enabling SCOA to impact international business ties, but to shape the trajectory of our organization.

We are looking for critical partners to not only facilitate opportunities to network and intern in Africa, but to donate to and partner with SCOA.

At this moment, SCOA is welcoming all donations, and we are seeking 50 key partners to donate 20,000 USD to fund our operations and programs for the next two years. Those interested may scan the QR code, click here, or get in touch directly. We thank you for your generosity and for investing in a more connected.

