

Inaugural SAVCA Fellowship

Class Of 2027



Why is SAVCA launching its own flagship Fellowship programme?



Accelerate the development of industry **leaders of the future**



Create opportunities for **exposure & learning** for high-potential young leaders across the industry



Build useful **networks & relationships** between fellows & their senior executive mentors and faculty



Ignite **strong bonds and networks** within the cohort that could last throughout the fellows' careers



Alleviate shortages of **mentorship capacity** through a programme that inculcates a culture of giving back to the industry



Share important **knowledge and best practice** from experienced senior executives in the industry



Elevate the **EVP of Firms** that nominate successful candidates as a value add exclusive to SAVCA members

What is the SAVCA Fellowship?



A prestigious learning, mentoring, exposure, and networking opportunity designed to accelerate the development of promising, young, mid-seniority, candidates to opportunities that will help equip them for future senior leadership roles within the private capital sector.



Fellows will be exposed to a mix of formal training, one-on-one mentoring, and group case study immersions and content will include technical, leadership, and business modules curated to ignite the potential of fellows for more senior leadership roles and responsibilities in their Firms and the industry more broadly.



This is an **11-month** programme running from **May 2026** to **March 2027**, with a maximum of **10 fellows**

What will Fellows learn and experience?

An **11 month learning journey** curated for young leaders in private capital in South Africa.

One-on-one mentorship from Senior Executives in the Industry

Access to the **SAVCA training material and courses** offering in the year that you are a fellow, with the requirement to complete at least 2 courses.

Case study immersions - working in groups on practical problems from the industry and guided by experienced case coaches.

Being part of a **prestigious cohort** of 10 like-minded aspiring young leaders that are recognised as **rising stars in the industry**.

Exposure to a **broad range of topics, trends and business leaders** that are shaping the industry

Content modules across technical, leadership, and business topics curated into a powerful and thought provoking learning journey that explores:

- Leading **self**
- Leading **others**
- Leading **Fund Management**
- Leading **Fundraising**
- Leading **Transactions**
- Leading **Business**
- Leading **Industry**
- Leading **for South Africa**

Who should apply?



Please take the leap and apply, or encourage the promising young leader in your network to apply, if you / they respectively fit the description and eligibility criteria below.

If you are a high-performing, ambitious, and aspiring young leader in the private capital industry, that is hungry for a prestigious opportunity to learn and grow to your full potential, and meet the eligibility criteria below, then this could be one of those critical inflection points that shapes the trajectory of your future career.

Eligibility criteria:

- Currently aged 28-35 years
- Minimum qualifications: NQF Level 8 (Honours/CA equivalent)
- Currently employed in a Firm in the private capital industry that is a member of SAVCA
- Minimum 6 years' working experience in professional services or financial services
- Minimum of 3 years' experience working in the private capital industry
- The programme is open to all eligible applicants, and we will be looking for a cohort that is diverse and both racially and gender representative



How do I apply?

- ➔ The first cohort is launching in **May 2026**, and applications for qualifying candidate fellows are now open!
- ➔ Please apply on the **SAVCA website** or **before 14 April 2026**
- ➔ You will need to submit a brief CV, motivation letter, and the name and contact details of a senior leader in your Firm, or a leader in the broader private capital industry that has worked closely with you, that is prepared to endorse your application.
- ➔ The application process will include a 3-step adjudication process:
 - A first round of screening,
 - Shortlisting of the candidates that will be invited to submit and introductory video and attend interviews with a selection panel of industry leaders
 - Announcement of the final cohort of fellows by the end of April 2026
- ➔ Should you wish to contact the team directly, you can do so by emailing savcafellowship@savca.co.za



Do you know of the perfect candidate or want to get involved in supporting the Fellowship?

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If you are already thinking of someone in your team, Firm, or broader network that could be a perfect candidate fellow for our class of 2027, then please:



Encourage them to apply



Offer to sponsor their application

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Equally, if you are willing to get involved in giving back to the industry, or you know of a leader that is well positioned to do this, please reach out to the SAVCA team and offer to:



Host a seminar



Sponsor a course



Sign up as part of the faculty team

How can I get involved in supporting the Fellowship?

- Encourage a candidate fellow that is a potential future leader of your Firm to apply
- Connect us with a potential sponsor
- Recommend a great case study or content that you believe would be valuable for the learning journey of a leader in the sector
- Get involved by hosting one of our sessions
- Sponsor an element of the Fellowship programme



