

My journey with **Groundbreaker Talents**

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My name is Mellon Amutuheire, and I am 20-year-old woman from Uganda. I come from Kanungu district located in southwestern Uganda. Before I joined Groundbreaker, I had no knowledge about software development because we neither had a computer at home nor internet to help me learn with online courses and I didn't even know that the applications we use are as a result of software development. I was introduced to Groundbreaker Talents by my friend, and the prospect of a fully funded residential program immediately captured my interest, although I literally didn't know that I was going to learn „how to develop software applications“ that I use daily. I applied for the scholarship, and I was lucky enough to join the program in June 2023.

Personal Growth

At Groundbreaker Talents, we live as a family, which has given us a chance to improve many skills, such as time management, communication skills, teamwork and cooperation, and cultural awareness, as we all come from different cultures.

Staying with a new family and leaving my home was challenging at first but later I got used to the new family. I left my family in June and have not seen anyone to date because my hometown is very far from the program location in Kampala (about 450km).

Academic Growth

Groundbreaker Talents offers a curriculum that not only focused on academic excellence but also on holistic personal development. Engaging in a variety of technical events and activities broadened my horizons, fostering a love for learning and encouraging me to explore new areas of interest in the technology world.



My coding journey with Groundbreaker Talents started with the fundamental building blocks of web development—HTML and CSS. The journey began with understanding the structure (HTML) and styling (CSS) of webpages. Learning how to create and design content laid the foundation for more complex coding concepts, such as developing web and mobile applications. I am so amused that I developed a car parking lot management system in my first three months in the coding journey. I have been improving my coding since then and have developed more projects, such as the weather application and an online shopping application using the resources provided by Groundbreaker, including a stable internet connection and an encouraging environment.

Mentorship program

Groundbreaker Talents introduced us to mentors from Germany who have tirelessly guided us through our journey, both in programming and our personal life. Meetings are always conducted through special one on one meetings between mentors and mentees.

Mentors give us assignments that help us explore topics in detail, and they guide us if some work is not going well. For me, it has been the best experience having personal mentors.

Thank you, Groundbreaker!

I really want to thank Groundbreaker because it has proved to be a life-changing experience, offering much more than just academic and leadership development. It has been a journey of self-discovery and empowerment. As I reflect on my time at Groundbreaker, I carry with me a belief in my abilities, and a commitment to making a positive impact on the world.

The fully funded residential program for girls has not only equipped me with valuable skills but has also ignited a passion for continuous learning and a determination to be a catalyst for positive change in the technology of my community.