Webfala Women in Al Fellowship – 6-Month Curriculum

Theme: Building AI Products for Impact

Format: Weekly classes + hands-on projects + mentorship + product demo day

Month 1 – Foundations of Al & Product Thinking

Goal: Build core technical and product literacy.

- Week 1: Introduction to AI, Women in Tech, and Product Innovation.
- Week 2: Python for AI (NumPy, Pandas, Matplotlib).
- Week 3: Fundamentals of Machine Learning Supervised vs. Unsupervised Learning.
- **Week 4:** Product Thinking Design Thinking, Problem Framing, and User Research.
- **Project:** Identify a real-world problem to solve with AI (team-based).

Month 2 - Core Al/ML Skills

Goal: Acquire practical skills in ML.

- Week 5: Data Preprocessing & Feature Engineering.
- Week 6: Classification & Regression Models (Scikit-learn).
- Week 7: Model Evaluation & Validation.
- Week 8: Agile Methodology & MVP Development for Al Products.
- **Project:** Build a simple prediction/classification model.

Month 3 - Deep Learning & Al Tools

Goal: Learn deep learning and practical tools.

- Week 9: Neural Networks Fundamentals (TensorFlow/PyTorch).
- Week 10: Computer Vision Applications (Image Recognition, Object Detection).
- Week 11: Natural Language Processing (Text Classification, Sentiment Analysis).
- Week 12: Cloud Platforms for AI (AWS, GCP, Azure basics).
- **Project:** Prototype a CV or NLP-based Al solution.

Month 4 – Product Development & Deployment

Goal: Learn how to move from prototype to product.

- Week 13: APIs & AI Integration into Products.
- Week 14: Frontend & Backend Basics for Al Product Deployment.
- Week 15: Model Deployment (Flask, FastAPI, Streamlit).
- Week 16: Data Ethics, Responsible AI & Bias Mitigation.
- **Project:** Deploy an Al model as a working product demo.

Month 5 – Specialization Tracks (Choose One)

Goal: Fellows specialize in a track aligned with interests.

- Track A Healthcare Al: Symptom analysis, diagnostics, patient management.
- Track B FinTech AI: Fraud detection, credit scoring, chatbots.
- **Track C EdTech AI:** Personalized learning, assessment grading, recommendation systems.
- Track D Social Impact AI: Agriculture, climate, governance.
- **Weekly Activities:** Workshops, mentorship, product building.
- Project: Build a track-specific AI product MVP.

Month 6 - Productization & Demo Day

Goal: Prepare fellows to launch and scale products.

- Week 21: Business Models for Al Startups.
- Week 22: Fundraising & Pitching to Investors.
- Week 23: Partnerships, Go-to-Market Strategy.
- Week 24: Final Product Refinement & Demo Day Preparation.
- Capstone Project: Team-based AI product presented at Demo Day (judges, mentors, investors).

Outcomes

- Fellows graduate with:
 - Hands-on experience in AI product development.
 - A deployed Al product MVP.
 - A strong foundation in both AI technical skills and product management.
 - Networking with mentors, industry leaders, and investors.