# Emmanuella Ikirezi

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#### **SUMMARY**

Curious, driven, and adaptable young professional passionate about using technology to solve real-world challenges. Currently pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Software Engineering at African Leadership University. I aspire to lead impactful projects that blend creativity and functionality, empowering communities through innovative digital solutions.

## EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

## African Leadership University - Kigali, Rwanda

**September, 2024 – March, 2028** 

BSc (Hons) in Software Engineering

Relevant Coursework: Data Structures & Algorithms, Object-Oriented Programming, Software Engineering Principles

#### PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

### **Research Assistant (freelancer)**

October, 2024 - Present

**60 Decibels** – New York, USA (Remote)

- Collected and entered survey data with a high level of accuracy, ensuring all responses met strict quality control standards.
- Maintained data integrity by following detailed protocols, contributing to reliable and actionable insights for impact-driven research projects.
- Demonstrated independence and accountability while working remotely on international assignments, consistently meeting deadlines and performance expectations.

### **Customer Service Representative**

November, 2023 – August, 2024

DSTV Rwanda – Kigali, Rwanda

- Responded to inbound and outbound customer inquiries, providing timely, product-specific solutions and support to improve satisfaction and retention.
- Collaborated with team members to resolve customer issues through efficient decision-making and shared problem-solving.
- Utilized in-depth product knowledge to communicate benefits clearly, resulting in improved customer understanding and trust.

#### **Customer Insights Specialist (Fixed Contract)**

September, 2023-October, 2023

**BasiGo Rwanda** – Kigali, Rwanda

- Collected feedback from key customer interactions to identify trends and pain points across various touchpoints.
- Tracked customer experience metrics and recommended actionable improvements to internal teams, enhancing service delivery.
- Contributed to short-term strategy planning by translating data into clear, user-focused insights.

## **EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

## SoCreative Program - British Council

December, 2024-March, 2025

- Participated in an intensive creative entrepreneurship program, engaging in hands-on workshops, mentorship sessions, and collaborative projects.
- Developed practical knowledge of the creative industry, including business modeling, audience engagement, and project design.
- Strengthened communication and collaboration skills by working with diverse creatives and industry experts, laying a strong foundation for launching impactful creative initiatives.

## CodeXtreme 2025(Hackathon) – African Leadership University

February 26 – March 1, 2025

- Engaged in a four-day immersive hackathon, actively collaborating with a diverse team to innovate and prototype digital solutions under tight deadlines.
- Employed problem-solving, coding, and critical thinking skills to address real-world challenges, contributing to team brainstorming and rapid iterative design.

#### **SKILLS**

PythonProblem Solving

• Client Prospecting

<ul><li>Html and CSS</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Interpersonal Skills</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Project Team Management</li> </ul>	
<ul><li>Javascript</li></ul>	<ul><li>Time Management</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Remote Collaboration Tools</li> </ul>	
INTERESTS			
Women Empowerment	Visual Arts & Storytelling	Cultural Preservation	
• Nature	• Poetry	• Music	
LANGUAGES			
• English –Fluent	• Kinyarwanda – Native	• French – Intermediate	