

NEWS AND EVENTS

- [Higher education in Africa continues to gain momentum](#) *RUFORUM delegates meet Kenyan Deputy President*
- [African Union merges science and education bodies](#)
- **Opinion:** [Key role for universities in agricultural innovation](#)

PUBLICATIONS

- [Development of a decision support system for runoff water storage and irrigation: case study of common bean at Ukwe, Malawi](#) (*Singa, 2015*)
- [Effects of faba bean break crop and N rates on subsequent grain yield and nitrogen use efficiency of highland maize varieties in Toke Kutaye, western Ethiopia](#) (*Abera et al, 2015*)
- [Impacts of climate variability and change on rainfed sorghum and maize: implications for food security policy in Tanzania](#) (*Msongaleli et al, 2015*)

OPPORTUNITIES

Grants and Awards:

- [The International Foundation for Science \(IFS\) individual research grants for early-career scientists](#). Supported themes include water and aquatic resources and food security. **Deadline: 31 December, 2015**
- [Agricultural Innovation Marketplace 2016](#). Applications are invited from organizations in Africa in partnership with one or more Embrapa centers in Brazil. **Deadline for pre-proposals: 22 January, 2016**
- [Horizon 2020: New opportunities for EU-funded collaborative research between Africa and Europe](#). **Deadline: 17 February, 2016**
- **(New)** [Thought for Food Initiative](#) grant to support research projects addressing sustainable agriculture and food systems issues. **Deadline: 29 February, 2016**
- [2016 Erasmus+ call for proposals to modernise and improve higher education](#). **Deadline: Varied by project**
- [NEPAD-SANBio mobility grants to support regional and international travel and accommodation for individuals in the Biosciences field](#). **Deadline: Open till December 2018**

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- **(New)** [2016 Mitsubishi Corporation Fund for Europe and Africa \(MCEA\) grants for environmental conservation, environmental education and research.](#) **Deadline: 31 March, 2016**

Scholarships:

- [RU/2015/DRG/02: Doctoral Regional Research Scholarships](#) for finalization of PhD research and dissemination of findings. **Deadline: 30 December, 2015**
- [RU/2015/GTA/DRG/01: Doctoral Regional Research Scholarships](#) for RUFORUM Graduate Teaching Assistants at member universities. **Deadline: 30 December, 2015**
- [Israeli Agency for International Development \(MASHAV\) is offering professional short courses in Israel in subject areas that include agriculture.](#) **Scholarships available.**
- **(New)** [Rothamsted International Fellowship Scheme.](#) Supporting scientists from developing countries to train at Rothamsted Research for 6-12 months. **Deadline: 21 December, 2015**
- [International training course on "Sustainable Livelihoods and Mainstreaming with Market," February-April 2016, aus.](#) **Deadline: 22 December, 2015**
- [The Africa Biosciences Challenge Fund Fellowship 2016](#) for researchers employed at NARIs or universities. **Deadline: 31 December, 2015**
- [Australia Awards Scholarships](#) for master-level degrees and short courses for African professionals. Applications will be received from September to December each year.
- [International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis invites doctoral students worldwide to participate in its Young Scientists Summer Program in Austria.](#) Scholarships available. **Deadline: 11 January, 2016**
- [Harvard University Environmental Fellowships 2016.](#) Candidates with a doctorate in any subject area from any university in the world are eligible. **Deadline: 13 January, 2016**
- [The Graduate Institute Geneva now open for 2016/2017 applications.](#) Financial aid for Master's and Doctoral studies available. **Deadline: 15 January, 2016**
- [The Oxford Patrick Duncan Scholarship.](#) Open to SADC countries only. **Deadline: 22 January, 2016**
- [DAAD/EU funded Postdoctoral Researchers International Mobility Experience \(P.R.I.M.E. 2016\) for outstanding postdoctoral researchers across all disciplines and nationalities.](#) **Deadline: 1 February, 2016**
- [PhD training opportunities under the RUFORUM Graduate Teaching Assistantship Program.](#) **Deadline: Open**
- **(New)** [Alexander von Humboldt Foundation International Climate Protection Fellowships 2016](#) for young climate experts from developing countries to conduct a project in Germany. **Deadline: 1 March, 2016**

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- **(New)** [Education for Sustainable Energy Development \(ESED\) scholarship for Masters Studies in Sustainable Energy](#). Supports outstanding students from developing countries. **Deadline: 4 March, 2016**
- **(New)** [International Master of Science in Rural Development \(IMRD\) 2016](#). Erasmus Mundus and IMRD Consortium Scholarships available. **Deadline for scholarship application: 15 March, 2016**
- **(New)** [CAS-TWAS President's PhD Fellowship Programme](#). Opportunity for non-Chinese citizens to pursue doctoral degrees in various fields including agricultural sciences, in China. **Deadline: 31 March, 2016**

Calls for papers:

- [Call for short, extended abstracts and posters/exhibitions](#) for the 5th African Higher Education Week & RUFORUM Biennial Conference 2016. **Deadline: 30th June, 2016**
- [Call for manuscripts: African Journal for Rural Development](#). Regular articles, short communications and reviews accepted. **Deadline: Open**

Jobs:

- **(New)** [Chief Executive Officer at the National Agricultural Research and Development Institute, Botswana](#). **Deadline: 9 December, 2015**
- **(New)** [PhD student opportunity in crop production at Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences](#). **Deadline: 4 January, 2016**
- **(New)** [Senior Lecturer Remote Sensing at the University of Botswana](#). **Deadline: 31 May, 2016**

FEATURED VIDEO: [Africa women embracing climate-smart agriculture: the case of dairy farming in Kenya](#)

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