

NEWS AND EVENTS

- [Winners of the RUFORUM Young African Entrepreneurs Competition 2016](#)
- [Improving productivity of indigenous chicken in Northern Uganda](#)
- [World-renowned virologist named 2016 GCHERA World Agriculture Prize Laureate](#)
- [FARA-AGRA collaborate to further support smallholder farmers in Africa](#)
- [How to make the most of international Higher Education partnerships](#)
- [Building innovation, entrepreneurship in universities](#)

PUBLICATIONS

- [Elucidating the potential of native rhizobial isolates to improve biological nitrogen fixation and growth of common bean and soybean in smallholder farming systems of Kenya \(Ouma et al, 2016\)](#)
- [Agrobiodiversity conservation enhances food security in subsistence-based farming systems of Eastern Kenya \(Mburu et al, 2016\)](#)
- [Can cities become self-reliant in energy? A technological scenario analysis for Kampala, Uganda \(Munu & Banadda, 2016\)](#)
- New online modules on marketing of agricultural products covering: [Marketing planning](#), [Marketing prospecting](#) and [Marketing promotion](#) (ICRA, 2016)

OPPORTUNITIES

Grants and Awards:

- [Pitch AgriHack 2016](#) organized by the Technical Centre for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation ACP-EU (CTA) to help young start-ups in e-agriculture develop business services. **Deadline: 25 September 2016.**
- [IPNI Science Award 2016](#) for an agricultural scientist with outstanding achievements in research, extension, or education on management of plant nutrients. **Nomination deadline: 30 September, 2016**
- WIOMSA Marine Research Grants Programme. Supports young scientists to turn their ideas into research projects and present research results at various fora. **Deadline: September 2016 for research projects.** Applications for travel grants can be submitted anytime



- Securing Water for Food: A Grand Challenge for Development announces 4th Global call for innovations to improve water and food security. **Deadline: 10 October 2016**
- **(New)** The Global Challenges Research Fund RCUK Collective Fund invites applications for programmes to grow research capability to meet the challenges faced by developing countries. **Deadline: 25 October 2016**
- Borlaug Global Rust Initiative (BGRI) Award for Women in Wheat Research 2016. The award will help cover costs of attending the BGRI workshop and a training at CIMMYT, Mexico. **Deadline: 30 October 2016**
- Farming by satellite Prize 2016. A competition for students and young people across Europe and Africa on using satellite technologies to improve agriculture and the environment. **Deadline: 30 October 2016**
- Call for proposals for partner facilitated training and capacity building for the BioFISA II Programme. Support for training in scaling up nutrition products in SANBio member states. **Deadline: 31 October 2016**
- St. Andrews Prize for the Environment 2017. The award recognizes contribution to environmental conservation in the developing world. Subject areas include agriculture. **Deadline: 31 October 2016**
- African Union Kwame Nkrumah Scientific Awards 2016 Edition for African Scientists, Researchers and Innovators. **Deadline: 31 October 2016**
- AU-TWAS Young Scientist National Awards 2016. For young scientists in Africa in two categories: life and earth sciences; and basic sciences, technology, and innovation. **Deadline: 21 November 2016**
- NWO-WOTRO Science for global development has launched the last round of the third call for proposals for the Food & Business Applied Research Fund (ARF). **Deadline: 6 December 2016**
- The Africa Biosciences Challenge Fund 2016/2017 for scientists employed within African National Agricultural Research Systems. Applications will be accepted on an on-going basis **until 30th June 2017**
- NEPAD-SANBio mobility grants to support regional and international travel and accommodation for individuals in the Biosciences field. **Deadline: Open till December 2018**

Scholarships:

- **(New)** Pitching your business ideas for investment. A self-paced online course on best practices for developing a pitch to potential investors. Certificates available
- World Bank Group Africa Fellowship Program for PhD students or recent graduates from Sub-Saharan Africa. Fellows will spend at least six months at the World Bank Offices. **Deadline: 30 September 2016**
- AAS visiting fellowships for PhD students and postdoctoral researchers from East, Southern and West Africa working in global and environmental health and nanosciences. **Deadline: 30 September 2016.**
- Swiss Government excellence scholarships for foreign scholars, 2017–2018. Available to postgraduate researchers in any discipline. Deadline: Varies per country, from September-December 2016
- TWAS Fellowships for Research and Advanced Training. Fellowships for researchers from developing countries to spend 3-12 months in an institute other than their own. **Deadline: 1 October 2016**

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- Gender in Agriculture Partnership (GAP) webinar on “Closing the gender data gap for agricultural policy and investment.” Participation is free. **Start date: 4 October 2016**
- [2017 Mo Ibrahim Foundation Leadership Fellowship at the African Development Bank](#). Priorities for the 2017 Fellowship include agriculture (“feeding Africa”). **Deadline: 14 October 2016**
- **(New)** [Aspen Institute New Voices Fellowship 2017](#). A year-long program in media skills, communication, and leadership for top development professionals in the developing world. **Deadline: 15 October 2016**
- ICRA courses in the Netherlands, 2017. **Deadline for scholarship applications: 19 October 2016.**
 - [Learning, action research and outreach – Making higher education boost food security](#)
 - [Linking research to inclusive development for food security - Facing rural innovation challenges](#)
- [German Academic Exchange Service \(DAAD\) postgraduate scholarships 2017-2018](#) for study of development-related subjects at German universities. **Deadlines vary by course.**
- [Course in Plant metabolism for improved nutrition and health](#), 20 February– 4 March 2017 at NM-AIST in Arusha, Tanzania. Course costs will be covered. **Deadline: 23 October 2016**
- [Earth Institute Post-Doctoral Fellowships 2017](#). Areas of research include food security, energy systems, climate change, poverty reduction, and environmental degradation. **Deadline: 1 November 2016.**
- **(New)** [AXA Post-Doctoral Research Fellowships 2017](#). Supports research to help understand risk management and prevention, including risks related to climate change. **Deadline: 3 November 2016**
- Beca-ILRI/John Innes Centre Workshop call: [Advancing cereals genetic research using the latest genomic and germplasm resources](#). 31 January-3 February, 2017, Nairobi. **Deadline: 10 November 2016**
- [Commonwealth Scholarships 2017 for master’s and PhD studies in the UK](#) for citizens of developing Commonwealth countries. Scholarships are awarded across all subjects. **Deadline: 15 November 2016.**
- **(New)** [Smithsonian Institution Fellowship Program 2017](#). Awards include: graduate student, pre-doctoral, post-doctoral and senior fellowships. Open to qualified applicants worldwide. **Deadline: 1 December 2016**
- [Australia Awards for Africa, 2017](#). Scholarships for master’s degree studies and short courses in Australia and/or Africa. **Deadline: Varies by course between 15 December 2016 - 15 January 2017**
- [Leadership Program for Agricultural Research and Development \(LEPARD\)](#), 24-28 October 2016, Kenya. The course will be delivered at a fee and spots will be filled on a first come-first-served basis.
- [METEGA mobility scholarships for staff exchange](#). **Deadline: 31 January 2018**
- [Nestlé Foundation grants](#) for research in human nutrition in low-income and lower middle-income countries. Support includes grants for Masters and PhD projects. **Applications accepted all year round**



Calls for papers:

- **(RUFORUM call)** Call for manuscripts: African Journal for Rural Development. Regular articles, short communications and reviews accepted. **Deadline: Open**
- Call for abstracts for KM4Dev Journal: Open research, open data, and your development organization: Best practices in information and data management for development. **Deadline: 3 October 2016**
- Call for abstracts and papers for the 1st All Africa Postharvest Congress & Exhibition, 28-31 March 2017, Kenya. **Deadline: 31 November 2016**

Jobs:

- Job opportunities at RUFORUM. **Deadline: 30 September 2016**
 - RUF/JOB/01/16: Research and Grants Officer
 - RUF/JOB/02/16: Recruitment and Training Officer
 - RUF/JOB/03/16: Senior Finance Officer

FEATURED VIDEO: [RUFORUM Student Presentations during the 4th Biennial Conference 2014](#)

