

NEWS AND EVENTS

- [ICRISAT and RUFORUM meet to consolidate partnership for agricultural research and human capacity development](#)
- [Meet Ronald Kityo who made the first time discovery of coconut whitefly parasitoids in Mozambique](#)
- **Survey:** [Take part in the Agriculture for Food Security Programme \(AgriFoSe2030\) Survey on translating science into policy and practice](#)
- [What direction next for university rankings?](#)
- [Early career academics in Africa – The need for induction](#)
- [Mobility of African students – Europe losing ground](#)

PUBLICATIONS

- [Responding to key gaps in Africa's Higher Agricultural Education: lessons from the Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture \(Adipala & Osiru, 2016\)](#)
- [Innovating for skills enhancement: the centrality of field attachment programs in agricultural sciences in Africa \(Egeru et al 2016\)](#)
- [Top 19 Young Innovators and Entrepreneurs from Uganda \(RUFORUM, 2016\)](#)
- [Identification of soft rot species found in the Harare area of Zimbabwe and an evaluation of the susceptibility of selected potato cultivars to the pathogens \(Paradza, 2015\)](#)
- [Fostering the use of rainwater for small-scale irrigation in sub-Saharan Africa \(De Trinchiera et al., 2016\)](#)

OPPORTUNITIES

Grants and Awards:

- [Gro Bruntland Awards 2017](#). Offers five young female scientists an opportunity to meet and discuss with other female researchers in the same field and network. **Deadline: 4 December 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**

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- **(New)** The LAUNCH Food challenge. A global call for big ideas for improving health outcomes by enabling people to make healthy food choices. **Deadline: 7 December 2016**
- Innovation Prize for Africa 2017 to promote home-grown solutions for Africa's prosperity. Thematic areas include agriculture/agribusiness, environment, health, and ICTs. **Deadline: 3 January 2017**
- 2017 Agropolis Fondation Louis Malassis International Scientific Prize for Agriculture and Food. **Deadline: 25 January 2017**
- 2017 Olam Prize for Innovation in Food Security. **Deadline: 25 January 2017**
- IMMANA Fellowships- Postdoctoral Fellowships on Innovative Methods and Metrics for Agriculture and Nutrition Actions. **Deadline: 1 February 2017**
- 2017 Erasmus + call. Funding from the European Commission for actions including capacity building in the field of higher education. **Deadline: Various deadlines from 2 February to 4 October 2017**
- Belgium's University Commission for Development — Scholarships and Training Grants 2017-2018. Selected countries in Africa eligible. **Deadline: 10 February 2017**
- DFID SPHEIR call for partnership proposals. Funding aimed at catalysing innovation and reform in higher education systems in developing countries. **Deadline: 20 February 2017**
- Call for grant applications: Mitsubishi Corporation Fund for Europe and Africa. The MCFEA Grant Program supports research focused on environment and the alleviation of poverty. **Deadline: 31 March 2017**
- 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 30 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**
- WIOMSA Marine Research Grants Programme. Supports young scientists to present research results at various fora. Applications for travel grants can be submitted anytime

Scholarships and courses:

- **(New)** WACCBIP-DELTAS Postdoctoral Fellowships for young African scientists to work as postdoctoral fellows. Priority research areas include pathogen genomics/ bioinformatics. **Deadline: 30 November 2016**
- European Commission TROPIMUNDO Master's Program in Tropical Biodiversity and Ecosystems 2017-2018. Scholarships open to all nationalities. **Deadline: 30 November 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
- German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) postgraduate scholarships 2017-2018 for study of development-related subjects at German universities. **Deadlines vary by course**.
- 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**

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- **(New)** Post-doc position at Centre for Development Research at BOKU, Vienna in the field of sustainability transitions and food security. **Deadline: 8 December 2016**
- Robert S. McNamara Fellowships 2017. Up to US\$25,000 for developing country nationals to conduct development-related PhD research abroad for 6-10 months. **Deadline: 14 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 and 15 January 2017**
- Call for applications for the Africa Science Leadership Programme 2017 Early-to mid-career researchers in all disciplines are invited for this leadership skills training. **Deadline: 16 December 2016**
- Institute for Advanced Studies on Science, Technology, and Society Fellowships 2017-2018. Supports international research fellows for up to nine months of research in Austria. **Deadline: 31 December 2016**.
- MASHAV Professional Courses in Israel in Early 2017. Subject areas include agriculture and education. Limited scholarships available to cover expenses while in Israel. **Deadlines vary by course**
- METEGA mobility scholarships for staff exchange. **Deadline: 31 January 2018**
- International Master of Science in Rural Development 2017 at Ghent University. Open to all nationals. **Scholarship application deadline: 1 March 2017**.
- TWAS-DFG Cooperation Visits Programme. Supports postdoctoral researchers from Sub-Saharan Africa, including South Africa, to visit to institutes in Germany for up to 3 months. **Deadline: 31 March 2017**.
- International Plant Nutrition Institute (IPNI) Scholar Awards 2017. Awards of US\$2,000 for graduate students in sciences relevant to plant nutrition and management of crop nutrients. **Deadline: 28 April 2017**
- Arturo Falaschi ICGEB (International Center for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology) Research Fellowships for research in Trieste, New Delhi, and Cape Town. **Deadlines vary by course**
- 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: IUFRO 125th Anniversary Congress 2017 on the theme "Interconnecting Forests, Science and People". **Deadline: 30 November 2016**
- Call for abstracts for the Fourth International Symposium on Postharvest Pathology: Skukuza, South Africa, 28 May - 3 June 2017. **Deadline: 30 November 2016**
- Call for abstracts for poster presentations at the InterDrought-V Conference, India, 21 -25 February 2017.
- **Deadline: 15 December 2016**

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- **(New)** Call for abstracts for 3rd International Conference on Global Food Security, 8-11 October 2017, Cape Town, South Africa. **Deadline: 5 May 2017**

Jobs

- ILRI: Regional Program Leader – CCAFS based in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. **Deadline: 2 December 2016**
- ILRI: Performance and Partnerships Manager based in Nairobi, Kenya. **Deadline: 2 December 2016**
- ILRI: Post-Doctoral Scientist – Bioinformatics. **Deadline: 14 December 2016**
- **(New)** Executive Director of the African Academy of Sciences. The successful candidate will be based in Nairobi, Kenya. **Deadline: 23 December 2016**

FEATURED VIDEO: [Climate change challenges researchers: Building resilience and mitigation strategies](#)

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