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- [Six staff appointed at the RUFORUM Secretariat](#)
- [Enhancing collaboration and quality in postgraduate training: joint module training delivery in RUFORUM regional programmes](#)
- [Seasonal greetings from RUFORUM](#)
- [Countries in Africa must ensure their universities become 'engines of development'](#)
- **Event:** [1st MYCOKEY International Conference](#) - Global Mycotoxin Reduction in the Food and Feed Chain 11-14 September 2017, Ghent, Belgium

PUBLICATIONS

- [RUFORUM Quarterly Report for the Period October-December 2016](#)
- [Building capacity of African universities to train proactive graduates through partnerships: the case of RUFORUM and Carnegie](#) (Uwituze et al, 2016)
- [Linking African agricultural universities to research-users through the multistakeholder partnerships: experience from PAEPARD](#) (Mugabe & Nampala, 2016)
- [RUFORUM top eight young innovators and entrepreneurs from South Africa](#) (RUFORUM, 2016)
- [Farmers' knowledge, attitude and practice towards African indigenous vegetables in Kenya](#) (Ntawuruhunga, 2016)
- [Symbiotic effectiveness of Elite rhizobia strains on productivity of improved chickpea \(Cicer arietinum L.\) Varieties. Case of Debre zeit and Wolayta sodo, Ethiopia](#) (Assefa, 2016)
- [University of Venda showcases how it effectively empowers rural communities to improve the quality of their lives](#)

FEATURED VIDEO: [RUFORUM Biennial Conference 2016](#)

OPPORTUNITIES

Grants and Awards:

- **(New)** [Travel grants for research scientists to attend the Hosted Scientist Programme at the Global Forum for Innovations in Agriculture \(GFIA\) 2017 in Abu Dhabi](#). **Deadline: 31 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**

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- [2017 Olam Prize for Innovation in Food Security](#). **Deadline: 25 January 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**
- **(New)** [The World Bank #Blog4Dev Contest for youth in Kenya, Rwanda, and Uganda](#) to share their thoughts on youth and agriculture and stand to win a trip to Washington D.C. **Deadline: 15 January 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:

- [Swiss Government excellence scholarships for foreign scholars, 2017–2018](#). Available to postgraduate researchers in any discipline. **Deadline varies per country, from September-December 2016**
- **(New)** [Two PhD scholarships available at icipe to work on schistosomiasis](#). Applicants must be nationals of sub-Saharan African countries. **Deadline: 2 January 2017**
- [German Academic Exchange Service \(DAAD\) postgraduate scholarships 2017-2018](#) for study of development-related subjects at German universities. **Deadlines vary by course**
- [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**
- [IMMANA Fellowships- Postdoctoral Fellowships on Innovative Methods and Metrics for Agriculture and Nutrition Actions](#). **Deadline: 1 February 2017**

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- [Belgium's University Commission for Development — Scholarships and Training Grants 2017-2018](#). Selected countries in Africa eligible. **Deadline: 10 February 2017**
- [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**
- [International Joint Masters' Degree Programme in Limnology & Wetland Management at University of Natural Resources & Life Sciences, Vienna - BOKU](#). **Deadline for academic admission: 6 January 2017**
- **(New)** [Call for applications for Next Einstein Forum Fellows](#). Open to Africans around the world. Applications from all fields of science, including the social sciences are eligible. **Deadline: 27 January 2017**
- [International Association for Plant Taxonomy \(IAPT\) Research Grants Program in Plant Systematics](#). Emphasis is on funding students and young investigators in developing countries. **Deadline: 31 January 2017**
- [Tony Elumelu Foundation Entrepreneurship Program 2017](#). Fosters and supports start-up enterprises in Africa. **Applications will be received from 1 January- 1 March 2017**
- **(New)** [Food Security courses at the Wageningen Centre for Development Innovation](#) in 2017. Fellowships available. **Deadline: Varied by course**
- **(New)** [ATONU \(Agriculture to Nutrition\) MSc studentships for the period January 2017 – April 2018 or shorter](#). For more information email: fanrpan-atonu@fanrpan.org no later than 28 February 2017
- [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**
- **(New)** [Call for papers for the 14th General Conference of the Association of African Universities, 5-8 June 2017 in Accra, Ghana](#). **Deadline for submission of abstracts: 13 January 2017**
- [Call for abstracts for 3rd International Conference on Global Food Security, 8-11 October 2017, Cape Town, South Africa](#). **Deadline: 5 May 2017**

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JOBS

- [Executive Director of the African Academy of Sciences](#). The successful candidate will be based in Nairobi, Kenya. **Deadline: 23 December 2016**
- **(New)** [Head of the Centre for Development Research at BOKU \(University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences\), Vienna](#). **Deadline: 28 December 2016**

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