

NEWS AND EVENTS

- [Skilling graduates to support multidisciplinary research – RUFORUM trains 100](#)
- [A mathematician's passion for simplifying science to catalyse innovation](#)
- [GFAR Steering Committee](#)
- [Making the case for an internationalised curriculum](#)
- [New Nutrition Knowledge Bank gives direct access to expert nutritional advice via mobile phones](#)
- **Events:**
 - [1st All Africa Postharvest Congress and Exhibition](#), 28-31 March 2017, Nairobi
 - [The 14th AAU Conference and 50th Anniversary Celebration](#), 5-8 June 2017, Accra

PUBLICATIONS

- [Challenges and opportunities associated with supervising graduate students enrolled in African universities](#) (*Bacwayo, Nampala & Oteyo, 2017*)
- [Resistance of cowpea to scab disease and diversity of *Sphaceloma* sp. occurring in Uganda](#) (*Afutu, 2017*)
- [Food safety and aflatoxin control](#) (*Villers, 2017*)
- [Seasonal climate variability analysis and characterization for major crops and vegetables production in Siraro-Kofele potato-vegetable livelihood zone of Ethiopia](#) (*Abdo, 2016*)
- [Challenges and gaps in the existing laws and policies in marine related resource use and conservation in Watamu Mida Creek, Kenya](#) (*Alemayehu, 2016*)
- [Donor agencies and multi-stakeholder partnerships: Harnessing interests or herding cats?](#) (*Karaki & Medinilla, 2016*)
- [Agroecology: the bold future of farming in Africa](#) (*Farrelly, Westwood & Boustred [eds.], 2016*)

FEATURED VIDEO: [Small grants, significant impact: A RUFORUM Graduate Research Grant Story](#)

OPPORTUNITIES

Grants and Awards:

- **(New)** Gender Agribusiness Investments for Africa calls for applications from institutions and enterprises for the [2017 AWARD AgTech Innovation Challenge for West and North Africa](#). **Deadline: 9 March 2017**
- [Solution Search: Farming for Biodiversity](#). This year's contest is for the world's most promising approaches in biodiversity-friendly farming practices. **Deadline: 10 March 2017**
- **(New)** NEPAD/SANBio call for Proposals for Innovative Solutions in Nutrition. **Deadline: 15 March 2017**
- [Agriculture 2017 Travel Awards for junior investigators and PhD students](#). **Deadline: 31 March 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**
- **(New)** [Global Biodiversity Information Facility \(GBIF\) invites the submission of concept notes for project funding from Sub-Saharan Africa](#). **Deadline: 9 April 2017**
- [4th Call for Food & Business Global Challenges Programme](#) focusing on scaling up climate-smart agriculture. **Deadline: Letter of intent should be submitted by 28 March 2017 and proposal by 18 April 2017**

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- **(New)** Call for Nominations: 2017 GCHERA World Agriculture Prize. **Deadline: 26 April 2017**
- Intra-Africa Academic Mobility Scheme 2017 aimed at improving the skills and competences of students and staff on the continent. **Deadline: 2 May 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
- Pre-announcement: Joint Africa-EU LEAP-Agri call for proposals to develop scientifically based practical solutions to improve the agricultural sector and the African population food security and nutrition
- **(New)** OCLC/ALISE Library & Information Science Research Grant Program (LISRGP) 2018 Call for Proposals. **Deadline: 15 September 2017**

Scholarships and courses:

- **(RUFORUM call)** The MasterCard Foundation at RUFORUM Scholarship Award 2017/2018. Scholarships tenable at Egerton University (Kenya) and Gulu University (Uganda) **Deadline: 15 March 2017**
- **(RUFORUM call)** Call for proposals for the RUFORUM Field Attachment Program Award (FAPA). **Proposals will be accepted throughout 2017**
- 10 PhD scholarships at the Centre for Research, Agricultural Advancement, Teaching Excellence and Sustainability in Food and Nutritional Security (CREATES). **Applications will be received till slots are filled**
- Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degree in International Development Studies (GLODEP). Scholarships available for students from developing countries. **Deadline: 15 March 2017**
- **(New)** ICRA course in Building agribusiness relations for sustainable profit. Nuffic scholarships available. **Deadline: 22 March 2017 for scholarships. Candidates with other funding can apply until 12 September 2017**
- Scholarship application is open for the following courses at ICRA. **Deadline: 22 March 2017**
 - Facing rural innovation challenges - Linking research to inclusive development for food security **25 September – 13 October 2017**
 - Learning, action research and outreach – Making higher education boost food security **6 – 24 November 2017**.
- German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) postgraduate scholarships 2017-2018 for study of development-related subjects at German universities. **Deadlines vary by course**.
- 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**
- Food Security courses at the Wageningen Centre for Development Innovation in 2017. Fellowships available. **Deadline: Varied by course**
- 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**.
- **(New)** IPBO and VIB-UGent course on "Modern breeding techniques of maize", 21 August– 8 September 2017. Scholarships available for selected African countries. **Scholarship application deadline: April 15th 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**

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- [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 2017 conference of International Food and Agribusiness Management Association \(IFAMA\)](#), 16-21 June 2017, Miami, USA. **Extended deadline: 3 March 2017**
- **(New)** [Call for abstracts for the University of Rwanda Scientific Conference Week on: 'Rebranding Research for Sustainable Development'](#), 14-16 June 2017, Kigali. **Deadline: 15 March 2017**
- **(New)** [International Conference on Organic Agriculture in the Tropics: State-of-the-Art, Challenges and Opportunities](#), Yogyakarta, Indonesia, 20-24 August 2017. **Deadline: 15 March 2017**
- **(New)** The call for papers for the "[Symposium on Climate Change and Droughts Resilience in Africa](#)", 16-18 October, Nairobi. **Deadline for submission of abstracts: 30 March 2017**
- **(New)** [Call for papers for symposium on Universities and climate change: the role of climate change research and projects in fostering climate action](#), 12 - 13 December 2017, London. **Deadline: 20 April 2017**
- [Call for papers for the Twenty Third Standing Conference of Eastern, Central and Southern Africa Library and Information Associations \(SCECSAL XXIII\)](#), Kampala, 23 – 28 April 2018. **Deadline: 30 April 2017**
- [Call for abstracts for 3rd International Conference on Global Food Security](#), 8-11 October 2017, Cape Town, South Africa. **Deadline: 5 May 2017**
- **(New)** [Call for submission of abstracts for Annual Conference of the Pan African Society for Agricultural Engineering](#), 19-21 November 2017 in Nairobi. **Deadline: 15 May 2017**

E-DISCUSSIONS and WEBINARS

- **(New)** [The Role of ICTs in Sustainable Crop Production Intensification \(SCPI\) of horticulture crop based system](#), 6-27 March 2017

JOBS and CONSULTANCIES

- **(New)** [ILRI Vacancy: Post-doctoral Scientist – Animal Health](#). **Deadline: 16 March 2017**

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