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- [Goodwill message from RUFORUM to the Association of African Universities on the inauguration of its East Africa Office in Khartoum](#)
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- [Future leaders' fellowship gives PhDs a reason to stay](#)
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- **(RUFORUM event)** [Proposal Development Write-shop for submissions to the African Union Research Grants Call for Proposals 2018, 16-20 April 2018, Kampala, Uganda](#)
- [Improving Fertilizer Quality for Highly Productive Agriculture: Lessons From Country Assessments and Regulatory Systems in Africa and Asia , 7-11 May 2018, Arusha, Tanzania](#)
- [Seedbeds of Transformation: the Role of Science with Society and the Sustainable Development Goals \(SDGs\) in Africa conference. 9 - 11 May, Port Elizabeth, South Africa](#)
- [4th IAALD \(International Association of Agricultural Information Specialists\) Africa Conference, 30 May - 1 June 2018, Pretoria, South Africa](#)

FEATURED VIDEO: [Floating vegetable gardens](#)

PUBLICATIONS

- [Differential responses of taxonomic, structural, and functional diversity to local-scale environmental variation in Afromontane forests in South Africa \(Mensah et al, 2018\)](#)
- [Ecosystem services and biomass stock from bamboo stands in central and southern Benin, West Africa \(Houdanon et al, 2018\)](#)
- [Influence of social networks and social support on credit utilization in the Savings and Credit Cooperatives in Soroti District, Uganda \(Alio et al, 2018\)](#)
- [Situating the grain legume agenda in African agricultural research for development strategies \(Akinbamijo et al, 2018\)](#)
- [Documentation of selected outstanding innovations in Nigeria \(Phillip, Jayeoba & Ndirpaya, 2018\)](#)

OPPORTUNITIES

Grants and Awards

- [Big Data in Agriculture Blog Competition. Deadline: 30 March 2018](#)
- **(New)** [Anzisha Prize for Young Innovators 2018](#). For African innovators aged 15-22 who develop and implement innovative solutions to challenges facing their communities: **Deadline: 31 March 2018**
- [Africa Evidence leadership Award 2018. Deadline: 1 April 2018](#)
- [USAID grant: Accelerating Local Potential](#). To support human and institutional capacity building collaborations between higher education institutions in the United States and those in low- and middle-income countries. **Deadline: 6 April 2018**
- [IDRC call for proposals - Accelerating climate action: Social equity and empowerment of women and girls. Deadline: 23 April 2018](#)

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- **(New)** [USAID/Feed the Future Accelerating Women Entrepreneurs Prize](#). **Deadline: 25 April 2018**
- [BMCE Bank of Africa — African Entrepreneurship Award 2018](#). Submissions are invited from for-profit businesses managed by Africans who are at least 18 years old. **Deadline 30 April 2018**
- [GCHERA World Agriculture Prize 2018](#). Two prizes will be awarded, with at least one awarded to a person from a country not listed as a country with a developed economy. **Deadline: 30 April 2018**
- Grand Challenges Explorations grant opportunities from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. **Deadline: 2 May 2018**
 - [Affordable, accessible, and appealing: the next generation of nutrition](#)
 - [Tools and technologies for broad-scale disease surveillance of crop plants in low-income countries](#)
- [The UNESCO-Japan Prize on Education for Sustainable Development \(ESD\)](#). Honours outstanding projects by individuals, institutions and organizations related to ESD. **Deadline: 3 May 2018**
- TWAS prizes:
 - **(New)** [TWAS Prizes](#). Nine prizes of USD 15,000 each to individual scientists who have been working and living in a developing country for at least 10 years. **Deadline: 3 April 2018**
 - **(New)** [TWAS—Fayzah M. Al-Kharafi Prize](#). Recognizes women scientists in the field of Agricultural Sciences or Biology. **Deadline: 25 April 2018**
 - **(New)** [TWAS Medal Lectures](#). The recipients lecture on a main aspect of their work. **Deadline: Open**
 - **(New)** [Abdus Salam Medal](#). Awarded to highly distinguished personalities who have served the cause of science in the Developing World. **Deadline: Open**
 - **(New)** [TWAS—C.N.R. Rao Award for Scientific Research](#). Honours TWAS Fellows from Least Developed Countries, who have made significant contributions to global science. **Deadline: 31 May 2018**
- [TWAS Research Grants Programme in Basic Sciences \(Individuals\)](#). Awarded to promising high-level research projects in Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics and Physics carried out by individual scientists. **Deadline: 11 May 2018**
- [TWAS Research Grants Programme in Basic Sciences \(Groups\)](#). Awarded to promising high-level research projects in Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics and Physics carried out by research units. **Deadline: 11 May 2018**
- [African Union Research Grants II Open Call for Proposals 2018 Edition](#). The call supports research on: Food, Nutrition Security and Sustainable Agriculture (FNSSA). **Deadline 22 May 2018**
- [2018 BCFN YES! Research Grant Competition](#) invites young PhD and postdoc researchers to submit a research project to improve the sustainability of the food system. **Deadline: 14 June 2018**
- [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 - Travel Grant](#). Supports young scientists to present research results at various fora. **Applications for travel grants can be submitted anytime**

Scholarships and courses:

- **(RUFORUM call)** [Proposal Development Write-shop for submissions to the African Union Research Grants Call for Proposals 2018](#). The write-shop is organised on a cost-sharing basis. **Deadline: 30 March 2018**
- **(RUFORUM call)** [MCF@RUFORUM Scholarships 2018](#). For BSc and MSc programmes tenable at Egerton University and Gulu University. **Deadline: 30 March 2018**
- **(RUFORUM call)** [PhD Training Opportunities under the RUFORUM Graduate Teaching Assistantship Program](#). **Applications will be accepted throughout the year**
- [Free e-learning courses from FAO](#)
- Fellowships for ICRA courses: **Deadline: 21 March 2018**
 - [Facing rural innovation challenges - Linking research to inclusive development for food security](#) 24 Sep – 12 Oct 2018 in the Netherlands. [Apply here](#) and click [here](#) for scholarship information
 - [Learning, action research and outreach – Making higher education boost food security](#), 29 Oct – 16 Nov 2018 in the Netherlands. [Apply here](#) and click [here](#) for scholarship information
 - [Building agribusiness relations for sustainable profit – Key skills for inclusive business brokerage](#), 19 – 30 Nov 2018 in Uganda. [Apply here](#) and click [here](#) for scholarship information

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- MoBreed (Mobility for Breeders in Africa) grant for MSc and academic/administrative staff exchange in orphan crops breeding. **Deadline: 30 March 2018**
- UNU-WIDER Visiting PhD Fellowship. Opportunity for doctoral students to utilize the facilities at UNU-WIDER for their PhD dissertation or thesis research. **Deadline: 31 March and 30 September each year**
- CAS-TWAS President's PhD Fellowship Programme. Up to 200 students from all over the world will be sponsored to study in China for doctoral degrees for up to 4 years. **Deadline: 31 March 2018**
- TWAS-DFG Cooperation Visits Programme. Supports postdoctoral researchers from sub-Saharan Africa, including South Africa, to visit an institute in Germany. **Deadline: 31 March 2018**
- Intra-Africa Academic Mobility Project: Partnership for Training Scientist in Crop Improvement for Food Security in Africa (SCIFSA). Fellowships for PhD and MSc as well as short-term mobility for students and staff. **Deadline: 5 April 2018**
- Call for scholarships: Intra-Africa Academic mobility Project - Regional Academic Exchange for Enhanced Skills in Fragile Ecosystems Management in Africa (REFORM). Fellowships for PhDs and MSc as well as short term mobility for students and staff. **Deadline: 7 April 2018**
- **(New)** PhD scholarship at University of Bonn for research on "Perennial polyculture farming in Uganda: towards increased sustainability, resilience and livelihoods of smallholder farmers". **Deadline: 8 April 2018**
- IPBO/VIB-UGent center for Plant Systems Biology course on "Modern Breeding techniques of maize", 20 August – 7 September 2018. Scholarships available. **Deadline: 8 April 2018**
- **(New)** Joint Japan/World Bank Graduate Scholarship Program. Open to applicants from developing countries who are applying to a master degree program in a development-related topic. **Deadline: 12 April 2018**
- Call for applications to masters and doctoral programmes at the Pan African University. The African Union Commission will offer full scholarships to successful African candidates. **Deadline: 20 April 2018**
- **(New)** Australia Awards John Allwright Fellowship 2018. For partner-country scientists involved in ACIAR-supported research projects to undertake postgraduate training at Australian universities. **Deadline: 30 April 2018**
- MSc and PhD scholarships at the Centre of Excellence in Sustainable Agriculture and Agribusiness Management (CESAAM) hosted at Egerton University in Kenya. **Deadline: 30 April 2018**
- Mwalimu Nyerere African Union Scholarship Scheme 2018. For female applicants only for masters and PhD programmes in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). **Deadline: 30 April 2018**
- **(New)** International Training Course on Organic Agriculture: People, Knowledge and Food Systems, 10 July – 2 August 2018, Uganda. **Deadline: 3 May 2018**
- PhD position at the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences on the project Improved disease control by community participation - the case of African swine fever in northern Uganda", **Deadline: 4 May 2018**
- FAO e-learning courses on Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) indicators
- Free online courses on sustainability from the ESRC STEPS Centre at the University of Sussex
- Elsevier Publishing Campus: free online training platform for researchers to improve their knowledge and skills in publishing academic research
- 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 research application summaries/extended abstracts and posters for the RUFORUM Biennial Conference 2018. **Deadline: 31 July 2018**
- **(RUFORUM call)** Call for manuscripts: African Journal for Rural Development. Regular articles, short communications and reviews accepted. **Deadline: Open**
- Call for papers and posters for the 7th All African Conference on Animal Agriculture (7th AACAA), 15-19 October 2018, Accra. **Deadline: 30 April 2018**
- Call for abstracts for the International APIMONDIA Symposium 2018 on the 'Role of Bees in Food Production', 30 November - 4 December 2018, Addis Ababa. **Deadline: 30 April 2018**

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- [Call for abstracts for the 1st Africa Conference on Evidence to Action \(E2A\)](#), 25 - 27 July 2018, Nairobi. **Deadline: 30 April 2018**
- [Call for Abstracts for the 2nd International Conference on Food Safety and Security](#), 15 – 17 October 2018, Pretoria. **Deadline: 2 May 2018**
- [Call for abstracts for the 8th Africa Nutritional Epidemiology Conference \(ANEC VIII\)](#), 1–5 October 2018, Addis Ababa. **Deadline: 30 June 2018**
- **(New)** [The International Journal of Agricultural Resources, Governance and Ecology](#) invites papers on climate change and agriculture especially from developing countries (Africa in particular)

WEBINARS & E-DISCUSSIONS

- **(New)** [FAO e-conference on "The Role of Small Farms Within a Larger Context of Food Security"](#), 19 March – 9 April 2018
- [Dgroups webinar: Simple Solutions for Building Communities in Your Organization](#), 22 March 2018
- **(New)** [GFAR/GODAN/CTA webinar: "Crossing the Donga – Accelerating Market Adoption and Use of Data by Smallholders"](#), 26 March 2018

JOBS

(New) [ICT4Ag Project Officer at the Technical Centre for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation \(CTA\)](#), Wageningen, The Netherlands. **Deadline: 8 April 2018**

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