

## NEWS AND EVENTS

- [Strengthening capacity of end-users to support university training and research programs](#)
- [RUFORUM trains researchers and non-research actors to develop projects addressing food and nutrition insecurity in ECSA region](#)
- [Banks pledge funds for STI research and training in Africa](#)
- [Opportunities and obstacles for open education](#)
- **Event:** [13th e- Learning Africa Conference, 26 - 28 September 2018, Kigali](#)
- **Survey:** [Local Development Research Institute \(LDRI\) Survey to shape the African Open Data Network in 2018](#)

## PUBLICATIONS

- [Effect of toasting on phytic acid, protein and pH in a plant-based diet and its ingesta in fed catfish \(Kemigabo et al, 2017\)](#)
- [Innovation opportunities in mango production in Mali \(Kerga, Dembele & Fatunbi, 2017\)](#)
- [Fall armyworm in Africa: a guide for integrated pest management \(Prasanna et al \(eds\), 2018\)](#)
- [Ministerial Declaration - The Third Africa Science, Technology and Innovation Forum Cairo, Egypt, February 10-12, 2018](#)
- [Issues and trends in education for sustainable development \(Leicht, Heiss & Byun \[eds\], 2018\)](#)
- [Integrating MOOCs in traditionally taught courses: achieving learning outcomes with blended learning \(Bralić & Divjak, 2018\)](#)
- [Adoption and impact of OER in the Global South \(Hodgkinson-Williams & Arinto, \[eds\], 2017\)](#)
- [Grain Watch Monthly: East African grain markets and trade \(East African Grain Council, 2018\)](#)

## OPPORTUNITIES

### Grants and Awards

- **(New)** [Tony Elumelu Foundation — Entrepreneurship Program for Africans 2018](#). Open to citizens and legal residents ages 18 and older in any African country. **Deadline 1 March 2018**
- [IDRC/ACIAR call for concept notes for Phase 2 of Cultivate Africa's Future](#). Open to organizations that will carry out research in eligible countries in eastern and southern Africa. **Deadline: 1 March 2018**
- [Call for proposals for the Benefit-sharing Fund of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture](#). For projects to enable farmers around the world use and conserve adapted varieties and ensure that biodiversity for food security is safeguarded for the future. **Deadline: 1 March 2018**
- **(New)** [WARC Travel Grant for African scholars and researchers 2018](#). For West African nationals only. **Deadline: 15 March 2018**
- [2019 TWAS Prizes](#). Awards from The World Academy of Sciences to individual scientists from developing countries. **Nomination deadline: 15 March 2018**
- **(New)** [Big Data in Agriculture Blog Competition](#). **Deadline: 30 March 2018**
- [Africa Evidence leadership Award 2018](#). **Deadline: 1 April 2018**
- **(New)** [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**

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- 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**
- 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**
- **(New)** 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**
- **(New)** 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**
- 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)** 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
- VLIR-UOS scholarships for the year 2018-2019. For selected trainings or masters programmes taught in English at a Belgian (Flemish) university or university college. **Deadline: Varies by programme applied for**
- Call for Application: Pilot application of rapid Loss Assessment Tool (RLAT) in the SADC Region. **Deadline: 28 February 2018**
- IITA Fellowships to Promote Research on “Youth Engagement in Agribusiness and Rural Economic Activities in Africa”. For young scholars and students at the post-course work/research stage of their programs for the study. **Deadline: 28 February 2018**
- Call for applications: Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degree in International Development Studies (GLODEP) intake for 2018-2020. Full scholarships available. **Deadline: 28 February 2018**
- The Elsevier Foundation - TWAS Sustainability Visiting Expert Programme. Supports visits of distinguished scientists to institutions in developing countries. **Deadline: 1 March 2018**
- Alexander von Humboldt Foundation — International Climate Protection Fellowships 2018. 20 fellowships for young climate experts from developing countries. **Deadline: 1 March 2018**
- Postdoctoral Fellowships on Innovative Methods and Metrics for Agriculture and Nutrition Actions (IMMANA Fellowships). Applicants may be of any nationality. **Deadline: 1 March 2018 for full proposals**
- Excellence Master Fellowships from University of Geneva. Open to outstanding students who wish to pursue a Master of Science degree in one of the disciplines covered by the Faculty. **Deadline: 15 March 2018**
- The Structural Transformation of African Agriculture and Rural Spaces (STAARS) fellowship program. For early-career African researchers seeking to become STAARS fellows in 2018. **Deadline: 15 March 2018**
- 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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- [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**
- **(New)** [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**
- [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)** [MSc and PhD scholarships at the Centre of Excellence in Sustainable Agriculture and Agribusiness Management \(CESAAM\) hosted at Egerton University, 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**
- [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
- **(New)** [Call for abstracts for Belfast Summit on Global Food Integrity, 28-31 May 2018](#). Partial/full travel grants available for food-security experts. **Deadline: 9 March 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**
- [Call for abstracts for the 1st Africa Conference on Evidence to Action \(E2A\)](#), 25 - 27 July 2018, Nairobi. **Deadline: 30 April 2018**
- [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 8th Africa Nutritional Epidemiology Conference \(ANEC VIII\)](#), 1–5 October 2018, Addis Ababa. **Deadline: 30 June 2018**

## WEBINAR

**(New)** [FAO-NEPAD webinar on 'Rural youth employment: Emerging challenges and targeted solutions, 28 February 2018](#)

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## JOBS

- Post-doctoral Research Associate in the Capacity Development for Agricultural Innovation Systems (CDAIS) Project. Position will be based in Montpellier, France. **Deadline: 1 March 2018**
- International Food Policy Research Institute: Director - CGIAR Research Program - PIM. The position will be based in Washington, DC. **Deadline: Open until filled**
- Head, Communications and Knowledge Management at ILRI. **Deadline: Open until filled**
- Development Communication Specialist – Invasive Species Management at CABI, Zambia. **Deadline: 5 March 2018**
- **(New)** Research vacancies at International Centre for Biosaline Agriculture (ICBA), Dubai. **Open until filled:**
  - Senior Plant Breeder
  - Plant Physiologist
  - Scientist - Soil Management

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