## **RUFORUM Weekly**



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### **NEWS AND EVENTS**

- President of Malawi calls on African leaders and development partners to strengthen higher education for the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals in Africa
- Enhancing the role of universities in agribusiness through linkages with society
- Producing entrepreneurs to support value chains Story of a RUFORUM student at Gulu University
- Making GIS work for Agriculture: Experiences from a RUFORUM NASA 2015 course beneficiary
- Professor Fetien Abay A Pioneering Plant and Seed Scientist

### **PUBLICATIONS**

- The migration of chemical contaminants from polyethylene bags into food during cooking (Musoke et al, 2015)
- The effect of diet and feeding system on the on-farm performance of local chickens during the early growth phase (Nakkazi et al, 2015)
- Human capital for agriculture in Africa. Science, technology, and skills for Africa's development. (World Bank, 2014)

## **OPPORTUNITIES**

#### **Grants and Awards:**

- (New) Swiss-African Research Cooperation (SARECO) grants for exchange visits, joint seminars, and joint workshops between Swiss researchers and researchers in Cameroon, Ghana, Kenya, Mozambique, Senegal, Uganda, and Zambia. Deadline: Open till funding threshold is reached.
- Regional African Union Kwame Nkrumah Scientific Awards 2015 Edition. Regional awards for women in the five Regions of Africa. Deadline: 30 October, 2015
- University of St. Andrews Prize for the Environment 2016. Deadline: 31 October, 2015
- Innovation Prize for Africa (IPA) 2016. Open to African academics, entrepreneurs and inventors. Deadline: 31 October, 2015.
- Continental African Union Kwame Nkrumah Scientific Awards 2015 Edition. Deadline: 15 November, 2015

The Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture (RUFORUM) – www.ruforum.org











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European Research Council awards for starting grants 2016. Open to all researchers with 2 to 7 years' postdoctoral experience. Deadline: 17 November, 2015

## **Scholarships:**

- RU/2015/GTA/DRG/01: Doctoral Regional Research Scholarships for RUFORUM Graduate Teaching Assistants at member universities. Deadline: 30 December, 2015
- Australia Awards Scholarships for master-level degrees and short courses for African professionals. Applications will be received from September to December each year.
- (New) Eisenhower Fellowships: Africa Program 2016 for mid-career professionals aged 32-45 in Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, Rwanda, South Africa, Tanzania, and Zimbabwe. Deadline: 15 October, 2015
- (New) Aspen Institute New Voices Fellowship 2016. Nominations for this one year program in media skills, communication, and leadership for development professionals now open. 2016 priorities include agriculture/food security. Deadline: 1 November, 2015
- NFP Tailor-Made Training Programme for staff in organisations. Deadline: 1 November, 2015
- Graduate Research Grant: U.S. Borlaug Fellows in Global Food Security. Deadline: 9 November, 2015
- 2016 Commonwealth Scholarships for Developing Commonwealth Countries' Students. Supports Master's and PhD study in any field at UK Universities. Deadline: 19 November, 2015
- Opening of application window Earth University. Deadline for applicants from Africa: 30 November, 2015
- Gates Cambridge Scholarship for Postgraduate International Students, 2016. Open to non-UK citizens to study at the University of Cambridge. Deadline: 2 December 2015
- Norman E. Borlaug Leadership Enhancement in Agriculture Program (Borlaug LEAP) fellowships for graduate students from developing countries. Deadline: 2 December, 2015
- RUFORUM Field Attachment Program Award (FAPA) for MSc students. Proposals will be accepted throughout 2015
- PhD training opportunities under the RUFORUM Graduate Teaching Assistantship Program. **Deadline: Open** call
- (New) Harvard University Environmental Fellowships 2016. Candidates with a doctorate in any subject area from any university in the world are eligible. Deadline: 13 January, 2016













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## Calls for papers:

- Call for Short, Extended abstracts and Posters/Exhibitions for the 5th African Higher Education Week & RUFORUM Biennial Conference 2016. Deadline: 30th June, 2016.
- ·Call for manuscripts: African Journal for Rural Development

**FEATURED VIDEO:** Why capacity building in Higher Agricultural Education?













