

NEWS AND EVENTS

- [RUFORUM receives Science Diplomacy Award](#)
- [Season's greetings from RUFORUM](#)
- [New Program: Masters in Food and Nutrition Security starting in Stellenbosch in 2016](#)
- [EU to ease entry rules for researchers, students](#)
- [Strategic international partnerships – The leader's role](#)

PUBLICATIONS

- [Assessment of mangrove covers change and biomass in Mida creek, Kenya \(Fikir et al, 2014\)](#)
- [Assessment of shoreline changes in the period 1969-2010 in Watamu area, Kenya \(Fikir et al, 2014\)](#)
- [Nutrient status of soils from farmers' maize fields in mid altitude areas of Western Ethiopia \(Abera et al 2015\)](#)
- [Quantitative and qualitative prediction of cattle diets and performance by analysis of fecal near infrared spectra in southeastern drylands of Kenya \(Njoroge, 2014\)](#)
- [Resistance to the spotted stem borer and African maize stem borer in tropical maize \(Munyiri, 2014\)](#)

OPPORTUNITIES

Grants and Awards:

- [The International Foundation for Science \(IFS\) individual research grants for early-career scientists](#). Supported themes include water and aquatic resources and food security. **Deadline: 31 December, 2015**
- [Agricultural Innovation Marketplace 2016](#). Applications are invited from organizations in Africa in partnership with one or more Embrapa centers in Brazil. **Deadline for pre-proposals: 22 January, 2016**
- [Horizon 2020: New opportunities for EU-funded collaborative research between Africa and Europe](#). **Deadline: 17 February, 2016**
- [Thought for Food Initiative](#) grant to support research projects addressing sustainable agriculture and food systems issues. **Deadline: 29 February, 2016**
- [2016 Erasmus+ call for proposals to modernise and improve higher education](#). **Deadline: Varied by project**
- [NEPAD-SANBio mobility grants to support regional and international travel and accommodation for individuals in the Biosciences field](#). **Deadline: Open till December 2018**

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- 2016 grants for environmental conservation, environmental education and research.**Deadline: 31 March, 2016**

Scholarships:

- RU/2015/DRG/02: Doctoral Regional Research Scholarships for finalization of PhD research and dissemination of findings. **Deadline: 30 December, 2015**
- RU/2015/GTA/DRG/01: Doctoral Regional Research Scholarships for RUFORUM Graduate Teaching Assistants at member universities. **Deadline: 30 December, 2015**
- PhD training opportunities under the RUFORUM Graduate Teaching Assistantship Program. **Deadline: Open**
- Israeli Agency for International Development (MASHAV) is offering professional short courses in Israel in subject areas that include agriculture. **Scholarships available.**
- Rothamsted International Fellowship Scheme. Supporting scientists from developing countries to train at Rothamsted Research for 6-12 months. **Deadline: 21 December, 2015**
- International training course on "Sustainable Livelihoods and Mainstreaming with Market," February-April 2016, India. **Deadline: 22 December, 2015**
- The Africa Biosciences Challenge Fund Fellowship 2016 for researchers employed at NARIs or universities. **Deadline: 31 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**
- International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis invites doctoral students worldwide to participate in its Young Scientists Summer Program in Austria. Scholarships available.**Deadline: 11 January, 2016**
- 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**
- The Graduate Institute Geneva now open for 2016/2017 applications. Financial aid for Master's and Doctoral studies available. **Deadline: 15 January, 2016**
- The Oxford Patrick Duncan Scholarship. Open to SADC countries only. **Deadline: 22 January, 2016**
- **(New)** VLIR-UOS scholarships for Master's degree studies in various fields at Ghent University. **Deadline: 1 February 2015 for academic admission prior to scholarship application**
- DAAD/EU funded Postdoctoral Researchers International Mobility Experience (P.R.I.M.E. 2016) for outstanding postdoctoral researchers across all disciplines and nationalities.**Deadline: 1 February, 2016**

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- **(New)** [Erasmus Mundus CARIBU 2016-2017 mobility scholarships](#). Supports Master's studies, student exchange and staff mobility. Priority fields include agriculture and environment. **Deadline: 8 February 2016**
- [Alexander von Humboldt Foundation International Climate Protection Fellowships 2016](#) for young climate experts from developing countries to conduct a project in Germany. **Deadline: 1 March, 2016**
- [Education for Sustainable Energy Development \(ESED\) scholarship for Masters Studies in Sustainable Energy](#). Supports outstanding students from developing countries. **Deadline: 4 March, 2016**
- [International Master of Science in Rural Development \(IMRD\) 2016](#). Erasmus Mundus and IMRD Consortium Scholarships available. **Deadline for scholarship application: 15 March, 2016**
- [CAS-TWAS President's PhD Fellowship Programme](#). Opportunity for non-Chinese citizens to pursue doctoral degrees in various fields including agricultural sciences, in China. **Deadline: 31 March, 2016**

Calls for papers:

- **(New)** [Call for papers: Fourth CODESRIA Conference on Electronic Publishing, Dakar, 28-30 March 2016](#). **Deadline: 30 December, 2015**
- [Call for short, extended abstracts and posters/exhibitions](#) for the 5th African Higher Education Week & RUFORUM Biennial Conference 2016. **Deadline: 30 June, 2016**
- [Call for manuscripts: African Journal for Rural Development](#). Regular articles, short communications and reviews accepted. **Deadline: Open**

Jobs:

- PhD student opportunity in crop production at Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences. **Deadline: 4 January, 2016**
- [Senior Lecturer Remote Sensing at the University of Botswana](#). **Deadline: 31 May, 2016**

FEATURED VIDEO: [Let's talk about science](#). South Africa's Minister of Science and Technology, Minister Naledi Pandor, talks about the inaugural Science Forum South Africa.

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