NEWS AND EVENTS

- Pan-African standard to manage research funds planned. A new initiative will develop continental standards and transparency in managing donor research funds in universities, research institutions and governments.
- Call for applications: Master’s Degree Programmes at University of Rwanda
- China ups Africa support with training, scholarships. 40,000 training opportunities in China and 30,000 government scholarships in the next three years.
- Christmas is over for journal publishers. The League of European Research Universities is calling for changes to ensure universities are not charged twice for the same journal articles.

PUBLICATIONS

- Household’s socio-economic factors influencing the level of adaptation to climate variability in the dry zones of Eastern Kenya (Mugi-Ngenga, E.W. et al, 2015)
- Development of a decision support system for runoff water storage and irrigation – case study of Common bean at Ukwe, Malawi (Singa, 2015)

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**
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- **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**
- **2016 grants for environmental conservation, environmental education and research.** **Deadline: 31 March, 2016**
- **Global Development Awards 2016 to recognize excellence in development projects and research that benefit the low-income and middle-income countries of the developing world.** **Deadline: 5 January, 2016**
- **Climate Technology Initiative (CTI PFAN) seeks project proposals of US$500,000 and larger to reduce vulnerability to climate change in Africa.** **Favored sectors include agriculture.** **Deadline: 24 January, 2016**
- **(New) SANBio/BioFISA II grants to support seed projects in health and nutrition.** **Open to public research institutions, universities, private sector and NGOs in SADC countries.** **Deadline: 1 February, 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**
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- **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**
- **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**
- **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:

- **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**
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Jobs:

- **(New)** Technical Assistant, Communication at RUFORUM. **Deadline:** 25 January, 2016
- 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