NEWS AND EVENTS

- Twenty RUFORUM Network universities among top 100 ranked African Universities in 2015-2016
- Government partners with university to rehabilitate arid land in Kenya
- University launches multi-purpose farming vehicle
- Is benchmarking more useful than ranking?
- RUFORUM survey: Take part in a 5minute survey to help us understand how you are accessing and using the Open Education Resources (OERs) developed under AgShare

PUBLICATIONS

- Aflatoxin management in Northern Ghana: Current prevalence and priority strategies in maize (Zea mays L) (Sugri et al, 2015)
- Poverty In a Rising Africa: overview (World Bank, 2015). This report discusses the data challenges faced when measuring poverty and inequality in Africa and reviews the measures of the two parameters.
- DFID’s conceptual framework on agriculture (DFID, 2016). Includes DFID’s long-term perspective on agriculture and its future approaches to promote agricultural transformation.

OPPORTUNITIES

Grants and Awards:

- 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**
- **Horizon 2020**: New opportunities for EU-funded collaborative research between Africa and Europe. **Deadline: 17 February, 2016**
- **(New) TWAS Science Prizes 2016** for individual scientists who have been working and living in a developing country for at least 10 years. **Deadline for nominations: 29 February, 2016**
- ** Thought for Food Initiative** grant to support research projects addressing sustainable agriculture and food systems issues. **Deadline: 29 February, 2016**
- **(New) King Baudouin African Development Prize 2016-2017** to reward outstanding contributions of individuals or organizations to African development. **Deadline: 15 March, 2016**
(New) West African Research Association (WARC) Travel Grants supports African scholars and graduate students for research visits to other institutions on the continent. **Deadline: 15 March 2016**

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

NEPAD-SANBio mobility grants to support regional and international travel and accommodation for individuals in the Biosciences field. **Deadline: Open till December 2018**

(New) 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**

Scholarships:

- PhD training opportunities under the RUFORUM Graduate Teaching Assistantship Program. **Deadline: Open**
- (New) Massive Open Online Course on Quality in Digital Learning, 15 February – 25 March, 2016. **Register now.**
- (New) WASCAL Thesis Research Award for doctoral and master’s research on Climate Change in West Africa. **Deadline: 30 January, 2016**
- VLIR-UOS scholarships for Master’s degree studies in various fields at Ghent University. **Deadline: 1 February 2016** 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**
- (New) Robert S. McNamara Fellowships Program for nationals of developing countries to travel internationally to conduct development-related PhD research. **Deadline: 2 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**
- (New) African Graduate Fellowships offered by the American University in Cairo. **Deadline: 15 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**
- (New) Newton International Fellowships 2016 invites researchers to apply for two years of post-doctoral support at UK institutions. **Deadline: 9 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**
### Calls for papers:

- **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**

- **Call for proposals for 11th International Conference on Open Repositories,** 13-16 June 2016, Dublin. **Deadline: 1 February, 2016**

- **Journal of Research in Open, Distance and e-Learning (JRODeL)** calls for individual papers and guest-edited special issues on topics related to open, distance and eLearning.

### Jobs:

- **Africa Centers of Excellence (ACE) Project Officer at the AAU Secretariat.** **Deadline: 29 January, 2016**

- **Senior Programme Officer (Research) at CODESRIA.** **Deadline: 28 February, 2016**

- **Senior Lecturer Remote Sensing at the University of Botswana.** **Deadline: 31 May, 2016**