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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

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- (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

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- (New) Taiwan International Cooperation and Development Fund Scholarships for Higher Education. Open to nationals of Nigeria, South Africa and Swaziland. Deadline: 18 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
- (New) Commonwealth Shared Scholarships for master's degree studies at participating UK universities in fields including agriculture and fisheries. Deadline: 1 April, 2016
- (New) Volkswagen Foundation calls for pre-proposals for Postdoctoral Fellowships on Livelihood Management, Reforms and Processes of Structural Change. Deadline: 6 April, 2016.
- (New) Marie Sklodowska-Curie Research Fellowships 2016. Fellowships include the Research and Innovation Staff Exchange (RISE). Deadline: 28 April 2016
- (New) United Nations University, Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability PhD in Sustainability Science 2016. Scholarships available. Deadline: 28 April 2016
- (New) East African Development Bank Scholarship Program for STEM. Available for teachers or lecturers of tertiary institutions and polytechnic schools in East Africa. Deadline: Depends on selected US University.

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

FEATURED VIDEO: Top 100 Universities in Africa.

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