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- [New partnership boosts efforts to transform agricultural education in Africa](#)
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- [Are universities doing enough to foster women leaders?](#)

PUBLICATIONS

- [Hydro-period, surface-ground water interactions and water quality to assess wetland condition of Khalong-la-Lithunya \(Mots'ets'e, 2016\)](#)
- [Spatial variability of hydric soil properties to delineate Khalong-la-Lithunya Wetlands\(Rasekoele, 2016\)](#)
- [2016 Global Agricultural Productivity Report \(Zeigler & Steensland, 2016\)](#)
- [Continental Education Strategy for Africa 2016 – 2025 \(African Union, 2016\)](#)
- [CTA Top 20 innovations that benefit smallholder farmers \(Francis, 2016\)](#)
- [The economic impact of universities: evidence from across the globe \(Valero & Van Reenen, 2016\)](#)



OPPORTUNITIES

Grants and Awards:

- [Call for proposals](#) from the Michigan State University-based Alliance for African Partnership (AAP) **Deadline: 21 November 2016**
- [AU-TWAS Young Scientist National Awards 2016](#). For young scientists in Africa in two categories: life and earth sciences; and basic sciences, technology, and innovation. **Deadline: 21 November 2016**
- NWO-WOTRO Science for global development has launched the [last round of the third call for proposals for the Food & Business Applied Research Fund \(ARF\)](#). **Deadline: 6 December 2016**
- **(New)** [Innovation Prize for Africa 2017](#) to promote home-grown solutions for Africa's prosperity. Thematic areas include agriculture/agribusiness, environment, health, and ICTs. **Deadline: 3 January 2017**
- **(New)** [Call for grant applications: Mitsubishi Corporation Fund for Europe and Africa](#). The MCFEA Grant Program supports research focused on environment and the alleviation of poverty. **Deadline: 31 March 2017**
- **(New)** [2017 Agropolis Fondation Louis Malassis International Scientific Prize for Agriculture and Food](#). **Deadline: 25 January 2017**
- **(New)** [2017 Olam Prize for Innovation in Food Security](#). **Deadline: 25 January 2017**
- **(New)** [IMMANA Fellowships- Postdoctoral Fellowships on Innovative Methods and Metrics for Agriculture and Nutrition Actions](#). **Deadline: 1 February 2017**
- **(New)** [2017 Erasmus + call](#). Funding from the European Commission for actions including capacity building in the field of higher education. **Deadline: Various deadlines from 2 February to 4 October 2017**
- **(New)** [DFID SPHEIR call for partnership proposals](#). Funding aimed at catalysing innovation and reform in higher education systems in developing countries. **Deadline: 20 February 2017**
- [The Africa Biosciences Challenge Fund 2016/2017](#) for scientists employed within African National Agricultural Research Systems. Applications will be accepted on an on-going basis **until 30 June 2017**
- [NEPAD-SANBio mobility grants to support regional and international travel and accommodation for individuals in the Biosciences field](#). **Deadline: Open till December 2018**
- [WIOMSA Marine Research Grants Programme](#). Supports young scientists to present research results at various fora. Applications for travel grants can be submitted anytime

Scholarships and courses:

- **(New)** [New FAO e-learning module on Improving Nutrition through Agriculture and Food Systems](#)
- [Pitching your business ideas for investment](#). A self-paced online course on best practices for developing a pitch to potential investors. Certificates available.

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- [Swiss Government excellence scholarships for foreign scholars, 2017–2018](#). Available to postgraduate researchers in any discipline. Deadline: Varies per country, from September-December 2016
- [German Academic Exchange Service \(DAAD\) postgraduate scholarships 2017-2018](#) for study of development-related subjects at German universities. **Deadlines vary by course.**
- Beca-ILRI/John Innes Centre Workshop call: [Advancing cereals genetic research using the latest genomic and germplasm resources](#). 31 January-3 February, 2017, Nairobi. **Deadline: 10 November 2016**
- [Commonwealth Scholarships 2017 for master's and PhD studies in the UK](#) for citizens of developing Commonwealth countries. Scholarships are awarded across all subjects. **Deadline: 15 November 2016.**
- [Smithsonian Institution Fellowship Program 2017](#). Awards include: graduate student, pre-doctoral, post-doctoral and senior fellowships. Open to qualified applicants worldwide. **Deadline: 1 December 2016**
- [Australia Awards for Africa, 2017](#). Scholarships for master's degree studies and short courses in Australia and/or Africa. **Deadline: Varies by course between 15 December 2016 and 15 January 2017**
- [METEGA mobility scholarships for staff exchange](#). **Deadline: 31 January 2018**
- [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**
- **(New)** [Next Generation Social Sciences in Africa: Doctoral Dissertation Completion Fellowship](#) for social science research in Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, South Africa, Tanzania and Uganda. **Deadline: 18 November 2016**
- **(New)** [Afrique One-ASPIRE fellowships](#) for 5 postdoc, 15 PhD and 18 master's fellows. Thematic areas include foodborne diseases, brucellosis and surveillance-response. **Deadline: 20 November 2016**
- **(New)** [Call for applications for the Africa Science Leadership Programme 2017](#) Early-to mid-career researchers in all disciplines are invited for this leadership skills training. **Deadline: 16 December 2016**

Calls for papers:

- **(RUFORUM call)** [Call for manuscripts: African Journal for Rural Development](#). Regular articles, short communications and reviews accepted. **Deadline: Open**
- [Call for abstracts for presentations at the InterDrought-V Conference, India, 21 -25 February 2017](#). **Deadline: 15 November 2016 for oral presentations; 15 December 2016 for poster presentations.**
- **(New)** [Call for papers extended: Symposium on Rainwater-Smart Management in Sub-Saharan Africa, Nairobi, Kenya, 1st -2nd February 2017](#). **Deadline: 15 November 2016.**
- **(New)** [The African Academy of Sciences invites submission of articles for the next issue of "Science*Policy*Africa"](#). **Deadline: 15 November 2016.**
- **(New)** [Call for abstracts for the Fourth International Symposium on Postharvest Pathology: Skukuza, South Africa, 28 May - 3 June 2017](#). **Deadline: 30 November 2016**

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Jobs:

- **(New)** [ILRI: Regional Program Leader – CCAFS](#) based in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. **Deadline: 2 December 2016**
- **(New)** [ILRI: Performance and Partnerships Manager](#) based in Nairobi, Kenya. **Deadline: 2 December 2016**

FEATURED VIDEO: [RUFORUM 2016: Enlarging SU's African Footprint](#)

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