

NEWS AND EVENTS

- [African Union Chairperson announces a Committee of Ten Heads of State and Government to Champion Higher Education in Africa](#)
- [The RUFORUM Biennial conference: a life changing experience](#)
- [RUFORUM meets staff from Okayama University, Japan](#)
- [Partnership to transform agricultural education](#)
- [Indian farmers fight against climate change using trees as a weapon](#)
- [Challenges of internationalising higher education](#)

PUBLICATIONS

- [RUFORUM Quarterly Report July-September 2016 \(RUFORUM, 2016\)](#)
- [An assessment of the extent of ICT use along the dairy value chain in Western Uganda \(Otaala, 2016\)](#)
- [Soybean research & development in Uganda: a case of paradigm shift in an African University \(Tukamuhabwa & Oloka, 2016\)](#)
- [Summary report and key recommendations of the AUC-PACA and CTA Roundtable side event on “Engaging the Private Sector for Aflatoxin Control in Africa” \(AUC, 2016\)](#)
- [Good Nutrition: perspectives for the 21st Century \(Eggersdorfer et al, 2016\)](#)
- [A passion for video: 25 stories about making, translating, sharing and using videos on farmer innovation \(Bentley, Boa & Salm, 2016\)](#)
- [Social media: shaping the future of agricultural extension and advisory services \(Suchiradipta & Saravanan, 2016\)](#)

OPPORTUNITIES

Grants and Awards:

- [Call for proposals from the Michigan State University-based Alliance for African Partnership \(AAP\) **Deadline: 21 November 2016**](#)

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- [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**
- [Gro Bruntland Awards 2017](#). Offers five young female scientists an opportunity to meet and discuss with other female researchers in the same field and network. **Deadline: 4 December 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**
- [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**
- [2017 Agropolis Fondation Louis Malassis International Scientific Prize for Agriculture and Food](#). **Deadline: 25 January 2017**
- [2017 Olam Prize for Innovation in Food Security](#). **Deadline: 25 January 2017**
- [IMMANA Fellowships- Postdoctoral Fellowships on Innovative Methods and Metrics for Agriculture and Nutrition Actions](#). **Deadline: 1 February 2017**
- [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**
- [Belgium's University Commission for Development — Scholarships and Training Grants 2017-2018](#). Selected countries in Africa eligible. **Deadline: 10 February 2017**
- [DFID SPHEIR call for partnership proposals](#). Funding aimed at catalysing innovation and reform in higher education systems in developing countries. **Deadline: 20 February 2017**
- [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**
- [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 FAO e-learning module on [Improving Nutrition through Agriculture and Food Systems](#)
- [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)** [European Commission TROPIMUNDO Masters Program in Tropical Biodiversity and Ecosystems 2017-2018](#). Scholarships open to all nationalities. **Deadline: 30 November 2016**

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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.**
- [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**
- [Robert S. McNamara Fellowships 2017](#). Up to US\$25,000 for developing country nationals to conduct development-related PhD research abroad for 6-10 months. **Deadline: 14 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**
- [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**
- [Institute for Advanced Studies on Science, Technology, and Society Fellowships 2017-2018](#). Supports international research fellows for up to nine months of research in Austria. **Deadline: 31 December 2016.**
- [MASHAV Professional Courses in Israel in Early 2017](#). Subject areas include agriculture and education. Limited scholarships available to cover expenses while in Israel. **Deadlines vary by course**
- [METEGA mobility scholarships for staff exchange](#). **Deadline: 31 January 2018**
- **(New)** [International Master of Science in Rural Development 2017](#) at Ghent University. Open to all nationals. **Scholarship application deadline: 1 March 2017.**
- [TWAS-DFG Cooperation Visits Programme](#). Supports postdoctoral researchers from Sub-Saharan Africa, including South Africa, to visit to institutes in Germany for up to 3 months. **Deadline: 31 March 2017.**
- **(New)** [International Plant Nutrition Institute \(IPNI\) Scholar Awards 2017](#). Awards of US\$2,000 for graduate students in sciences relevant to plant nutrition and management of crop nutrients. **Deadline: 28 April 2017**
- [Arturo Falaschi ICGEB \(International Center for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology\) Research Fellowships](#) for research in Trieste, New Delhi, and Cape Town. **Deadlines vary by course**
- [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**

Calls for papers:

- **(RUFORUM call)** [Call for manuscripts: African Journal for Rural Development](#). Regular articles, short communications and reviews accepted. **Deadline: Open**
- **(New)** [Call for abstracts: IUFRO 125th Anniversary Congress 2017](#) on the theme "Interconnecting Forests, Science and People". **Deadline: 30 November 2016**

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- Call for abstracts for the Fourth International Symposium on Postharvest Pathology: Skukuza, South Africa, 28 May - 3 June 2017. **Deadline: 30 November 2016**
- Call for abstracts for poster presentations at the InterDrought-V Conference, India, 21 -25 February 2017. **Deadline: 15 December 2016**

Jobs

- ILRI: Regional Program Leader – CCAFS based in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. **Deadline: 2 December 2016**
- ILRI: Performance and Partnerships Manager based in Nairobi, Kenya. **Deadline: 2 December 2016**
- **(New)** ILRI: Post-Doctoral Scientist – Bioinformatics. **Deadline: 14 December 2016**

FEATURED VIDEO: [A formidable baobab research team: RUFORUM expands support in West Africa](#)

