

## NEWS AND EVENTS

- [Regional Consultation on Higher Education in Africa](#)
- [RUFORUM student wins award during the NARO-MAK Conference, 2016](#)
- [RUFORUM meets staff from Okayama University, Japan](#)
- [President Gurib's vision for science and innovation in Africa](#)
- [Gathering of ministers calls for more African PhDs](#)
- [Africa Learning Forum on Adaptation \(ALFA2017\), 21-24 March 2017](#)

## PUBLICATIONS

- [A paradigm shift from monitoring and evaluation to interdisciplinary evaluative systems thinking: the status of evaluative processes and use in African Universities](#) (Owuor et al, 2016)
- [Preparing students for agricultural employment in Sub-Saharan Africa](#) (Makuma-Massa et al, 2016)
- [Evidence-based opportunities for out-scaling climate-smart agriculture in East Africa. CCAFS Working Paper no. 172](#) (Lamanna et al., 2016)
- [Digital learning: reforming teacher education to promote access, equity and quality in Sub-Saharan Africa](#) (Moon & Villet, 2016)
- [Guidelines for online assessment for educators](#) (Vd Westhuizen, 2016)
- [IFAD Rural Development Report 2016](#) (International Fund for Agricultural Development, 2016)

**FEATURED VIDEO:** [Empowering Youth in Africa](#)

## OPPORTUNITIES

### Grants and Awards:

- [The LAUNCH Food challenge](#). A global call for big ideas for improving health outcomes by enabling people to make healthy food choices. **Deadline: 7 December 2016**

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- [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:

- [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.**
- **(New)** [The Gates Cambridge Scholarship program 2017](#). Scholarships for a postgraduate degree in any subject at the University of Cambridge for applicants from outside the United Kingdom. **Deadline: 7 December 2016**
- [Post-doc position at Centre for Development Research at BOKU, Vienna](#) in the field of sustainability transitions and food security. **Deadline: 8 December 2016**

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- **(New)** IRDR (Integrated Research on Disaster Risk) Young Scientists Program. Supports scientists of any nationality to engage with a global network of professionals and practitioners. **Deadline: 10 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**
- 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**.
- 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**
- **(New)** International Association for Plant Taxonomy (IAPT) Research Grants Program in Plant Systematics. Emphasis is on funding students and young investigators in developing countries. **Deadline: 31 January 2017**
- **(New)** Tony Elumelu Foundation Entrepreneurship Program 2017. Fosters and supports start-up enterprises in Africa. **Applications will be received from 1 January- 1 March 2017**



## 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 poster presentations at the InterDrought-V Conference, India, 21 -25 February 2017. **Deadline: 15 December 2016**
- Call for abstracts for 3rd International Conference on Global Food Security, 8-11 October 2017, Cape Town, South Africa. **Deadline: 5 May 2017**

## Jobs

- ILRI: Post-Doctoral Scientist – Bioinformatics. **Deadline: 14 December 2016**
- Executive Director of the African Academy of Sciences. The successful candidate will be based in Nairobi, Kenya. **Deadline: 23 December 2016**

