NEWS AND EVENTS

- IFAMA names Stellenbosch Professor as new President-elect
- DAAD supports 17 academic staff mobility in RUFORUM member universities
- PhDs in focus: helping Uganda’s neglected pastoralists
- University of Pretoria partners with the Australian Institute of Building
- 18th Biennial Conference of Rectors, Vice Chancellors and Presidents of African Universities

PUBLICATIONS

- Effect of marker aided pyramiding of anthracnose and Pythium root rot resistance genes on plant agronomic characters among advanced common bean genotypes (Kiryowa et al., 2015)
  
  Journal article

- Efficient transmission of cassava brown streak disease viral pathogens by chip bud grafting (Wagaba H. et al., 2013) Journal article

- RNAi-mediated resistance to cassava brown streak Uganda virus in transgenic cassava (Yadav J.S. et al., 2011) Journal article

OPPORTUNITIES

Scholarships:

- *(New)* ILRI-DAAD PhD scholarships. Deadline: 10 June 2015
- *(New)* TWAS fellowships for research and advanced training. Deadline: 1 October, 2015
- Field Attachment Program Award (FAPA) for MSc students. Proposals will be accepted throughout 2015
- PhD training opportunities under the RUFORUM Graduate Teaching Assistantship Program. Deadline: Open
- 10 PhD positions in collaborative research programme on ‘Responsible Life-sciences Innovations for Development in the Digital Age’. Deadline: 28 May, 2015
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- **DAAD-RUFORUM in-country/in-region doctoral scholarships for the 2015/2016 academic year.** Deadline: 31 May, 2015
- **ARPPIS-DAAD doctoral scholarships for study at icipe, Kenya.** Deadline: 6 June, 2015
- **DAAD in-country/in-region scholarships for East Africa, 2015/2016 tenable at Mbarara University of Science and Technology.** Application deadline: 10 June, 2015
- **DAAD in-country/in region scholarships for East Africa, 2015/2016 tenable at Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology.** Application deadline: 12 June, 2015
- **APPEAR call for applications for academic partnerships with Austrian higher education institutions, and Master’s and PhD scholarships.** Deadline: 31 July 2015
- **Staff mobility scholarships under SHARE Project.** Open to academic and administrative staff from selected universities. **Deadline: 31 July, 2015**
- **PhD Short Mobility Scholarship applications under SHARE Project.** Open to students from selected universities. **Deadline: 31 July, 2015**

**Grants and Awards:**

- (New) **Call for application: Student Innovations Grants.** Deadline: 10 July, 2015
- **IMPRESSA Award call to nominate outstanding performers in RUFORUM universities.** Nomination deadline: 30 June, 2015
- **NIPPON Foundation Grants** for improvement of basic human needs, human resources development and promotion of international collaboration. **Application deadline: Open**

**Jobs:**

- (New) **Agronomist for short-term paid position** at Manda Wilderness Community Trust. **Deadline: May 31, 2015**
- (New) **Programme Manager at Southern Africa Network for Biosciences.** **Deadline: 10 June 2015**

**FEATURED VIDEO**

**CASSAVA - THE FUTURE:** Ugandan researchers have introduced four new varieties against Cassava Brown Streak Disease, one is being uses while three are set for distribution in two years’ time. News of the breakthrough comes as Uganda is recognized as a centre of regional excellence for cassava research ahead of countries like Kenya, Tanzania and Ethiopia.