NEWS AND EVENTS

- Positioning academia to respond to Africa’s growing demand through skills development – The African Economic Platform
- Creating change agents through student-community engagement
- RUFORUM Impact platform goes live - Connect with us by sharing your story
- New data creates world’s largest university ranking
- Events:
  - IV International Symposium on Postharvest Pathology, 28 May – 3 June 2017, Kruger National Park
  - 3rd International Conference on Global Food Security, 3-6 December 2017, Cape Town
- RUFORUM Survey: Take a 5 min RUFORUM Communication Survey to help us serve you better!

PUBLICATIONS

- First record of parasitoids associated with the invasive coconut whitefly in Inhambane Province, Mozambique (Kityo, Cugala & Nampala, 2017)
- Potential of native rhizobia in enhancing nitrogen fixation and yields of climbing beans (Phaseolus vulgaris L.) in contrasting environments of Eastern Kenya (Koskey et al, 2017)
- Women leadership in higher education and their role in economic empowerment: Proceedings of the Forum for African Women Vice Chancellors (FAWoVC) (Imbuga et al [eds.], 2016)
- Reaping richer returns: public spending priorities for African agriculture productivity growth (Goyal & Nash, 2017)
- Higher Education In the World Report 6: Toward a socially responsible university (2017)

FEATURED VIDEO: Managing aflatoxins in groundnuts during drying and storage

OPPORTUNITIES

Grants and Awards:

- Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF) invites the submission of concept notes for project funding from Sub-Saharan Africa. **Deadline: 9 April 2017**
- Call for Nominations: 2017 GCHERA World Agriculture Prize. **Deadline: 26 April 2017**
- Intra-Africa Academic Mobility Scheme 2017 aimed at improving the skills and competences of students and staff on the continent. **Deadline: 2 May 2017**
- VLIR-UOS Call for projects 2018 in partnership with Flemish universities. **Deadline: 12 May 2017**
- **(New)** Call for use-inspired research tackling global challenges to the benefit of the most vulnerable people in Low- and Middle-Income Countries (LMICs). **Deadline: 23 May 2017**
- Call for nominations: Africa Food Prize. A US $100,000 prize that celebrates Africans who are taking control of Africa's agriculture agenda. **Deadline: 5 June 2017**
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- LEAP-Agri call for proposals for African European collaborative research on Sustainable Agriculture and Aquaculture and on Food and Nutrition Security. **Deadline: 15 June 2017**
- The 2017 BCFN YES! Research Grant Competition invites young PhD and postdoc researchers from any background and nationality to submit a research project on food sustainability. **Deadline: 28 June 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**
- OCLC/ALISE Library & Information Science Research Grant Program (LISRGP) 2018 Call for Proposals. **Deadline: 15 September 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:

- **(RUFORUM call)** PhD Training Opportunities under the RUFORUM Graduate Teaching Assistantship Program. **Applications will be accepted throughout the year**
- **(RUFORUM call)** Call for proposals for the RUFORUM Field Attachment Program Award (FAPA). **Proposals will be accepted throughout 2017**
- 10 PhD scholarships at the Centre for Research, Agricultural Advancement, Teaching Excellence and Sustainability in Food and Nutritional Security (CREATE). **Applications will be received till slots are filled**
- German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) postgraduate scholarships 2017-2018 for study of development-related subjects at German universities. **Deadlines vary by course.**
- 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**
- Food Security courses at the Wageningen Centre for Development Innovation in 2017. Fellowships available. **Deadline: Varied by course**
- Call for Postgraduate students admission at the Africa Centre of Excellence in Aquaculture and Fisheries Science (AquaFish). Limited scholarships available. **Deadline: 10 April 2017**
- **(New)** Free online training in scholarly writing for proposals and scientific papers by AuthorAID. Course runs from 18 April-12 June 2017. **Deadline for enrolment: 18 April 2017**
- **(New)** Msc and Phd courses at the Africa Center of Excellence for Climate Smart Agriculture and Biodiversity Conservation, Haramaya University. Scholarships available. **Deadline: 31 May 2017**
- **(New)** Free e-learning course on “Experience capitalization for continuous learning” by FAO
- IPBO and VIB-UGent course on “Modern breeding techniques of maize”, 21 August– 8 September 2017. Scholarships available for selected African countries. **Scholarship application deadline: 15 April 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**
- 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**
- Call for papers for symposium on Universities and climate change: the role of climate change research and projects in fostering climate action, 12 - 13 December 2017, London. **Deadline: 20 April 2017**
- Call for papers for the Twenty Third Standing Conference of Eastern, Central and Southern Africa Library and Information Associations (SCECSAL XXIII), Kampala, 23 – 28 April 2018. **Deadline: 30 April 2017**
- Call for abstracts for 3rd International Conference on Global Food Security, 8-11 October 2017, Cape Town. **Deadline: 5 May 2017**
- **(New)** Call for papers: 19th International Conference on Grey Literature: Public awareness and access to grey literature, October 23-24, Rome. **Deadline: 15 April 2017**
- **(New)** Call for abstracts for the 3rd AFAAS/African-Wide Agric Extension Week, Durban 2017. **Deadline: 7 April 2017**
- **(New)** Call for papers for 3rd International Conference on Global Food Security, 3-6 December 2017, Cape Town. **Deadline: 31 May 2017**
- **(New)** Call for papers for the 3rd Africa Regional Conference on Knowledge Management, Nairobi. **Deadline: 31 May 2017**
- **(New)** First call for papers to be presented at the 3rd Annual International Conference of the African Association for the Study of Indigenous Knowledge Systems (AASIJKS), Johannesburg, 26-28 October 2017

JOBS

- **(New)** Pro Vice Chancellor, Innovations and Business Development at the University of Zimbabwe. **Deadline: 28 April 2017**
- **(New)** CDAIS Communications Developer. This position is home-based. **Deadline: 19 April 2017**

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