

NEWS AND EVENTS

- [Prof Isaac Kosgey takes over as Moi University Vice Chancellor](#)
- [Busitema University innovates e-learning technology](#)
- [The case for empowering young and emerging researchers](#)
- [Action required to support higher education as a common good](#)
- [Preparing students for a rapidly-changing world](#)
- **Events:**
 - [Africa Innovation Summit \(AIS\) 2018](#), 6-8 June 2018, Kigali
 - [African Green Revolution Forum](#), 3-7 September 2018, Kigali

PUBLICATIONS

- [Going to University: the influence of higher education on the lives of young South Africans \(Case et al, 2018\)](#)
- [Value chain assessment of Sidi Bouzid Sheep production and marketing In Tunisia: challenges and opportunities of linking breeders to the markets \(Bedhiaf, Dhraief & Oueslati, 2018\)](#)
- [Impact of agricultural innovation platforms on smallholder livelihoods in Eastern and Western Kenya \(Makini et al, 2018\)](#)
- [Socio-economic analysis of promising innovations in Benin \(Adegbola et al, 2018\)](#)
- [Drones in agriculture: the ultimate guide to putting your drone to work on the farm \(DroneDeploy, 2018\)](#)

FEATURED VIDEO: [Harvesting and storing soya bean seed](#)

OPPORTUNITIES

Grants and Awards

- [Big Data in Agriculture Blog Competition](#). **Deadline: 30 March 2018**
- [Anzisha Prize for Young Innovators 2018](#). For young innovators ages 15-22 in Africa who develop and implement innovative solutions to challenges facing their communities: **Deadline: 1 April 2018**
- [Africa Evidence leadership Award 2018](#). **Deadline: 1 April 2018**
- [USAID grant: Accelerating Local Potential](#). To support human and institutional capacity building collaborations between higher education institutions in the United States and those in low- and middle-income countries. **Deadline: 6 April 2018**
- [IDRC call for proposals - Accelerating climate action: Social equity and empowerment of women and girls](#). **Deadline: 23 April 2018**
- Feed the Future [Accelerating Women Entrepreneurs Prize](#). Deadline: 25 April 2018
- **(New)** [Michigan State University/Alliance for African Partnership \(AAP\) Travel Grants](#). Seeks proposals for partnership activities which directly address AAP's Transforming Institutions pillar. **Deadline: 30 April 2018**
- [BMCE Bank of Africa — African Entrepreneurship Award 2018](#). Submissions are invited from for-profit businesses managed by Africans who are at least 18 years old. **Deadline 30 April 2018**
- [GCHERA World Agriculture Prize 2018](#). Two prizes will be awarded, with at least one awarded to a person from a country not listed as a country with a developed economy. **Deadline: 30 April 2018**
- Grand Challenges Explorations grant opportunities from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. **Deadline: 2 May 2018**
 - [Affordable, accessible, and appealing: the next generation of nutrition](#)
 - [Tools and technologies for broad-scale disease surveillance of crop plants in low-income countries](#)

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- [The UNESCO-Japan Prize on Education for Sustainable Development \(ESD\)](#). Honours outstanding projects by individuals, institutions and organizations related to ESD. **Deadline: 3 May 2018**
- TWAS prizes:
 - [TWAS Prizes](#). Nine prizes of USD 15,000 each to individual scientists who have been working and living in a developing country for at least 10 years. **Deadline: 3 April 2018**
 - [TWAS—Fayzah M. Al-Kharafi Prize](#). Recognizes women scientists in the field of Agricultural Sciences or Biology. **Deadline: 25 April 2018**
 - [TWAS Medal Lectures](#). Awarded to TWAS members, in recognition of their achievements in their fields of research. The recipients lecture on a main aspect of their work. **Deadline: Open**
 - [Abdus Salam Medal](#). Awarded to highly distinguished personalities who have served the cause of science in the Developing World. No limit on age, country or field. **Deadline: Open**
 - [TWAS—C.N.R. Rao Award for Scientific Research](#). Honours TWAS Fellows from the Least Developed Countries, who have made significant contributions to global science. **Deadline: 31 May 2018**
- [TWAS Research Grants Programme in Basic Sciences \(Individuals\)](#). Awarded to promising high-level research projects in Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics and Physics carried out by individual scientists. **Deadline: 11 May 2018**
- [TWAS Research Grants Programme in Basic Sciences \(Groups\)](#). Awarded to promising high-level research projects in Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics and Physics carried out by research units. **Deadline: 11 May 2018**
- [African Union Research Grants II Open Call for Proposals 2018 Edition](#). The call supports research on: Food, Nutrition Security and Sustainable Agriculture (FNSSA). **Deadline 22 May 2018**
- [2018 BCFN YES! Research Grant Competition](#) invites young PhD and postdoc researchers to submit a research project to improve the sustainability of the food system. **Deadline: 14 June 2018**
- [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 - Travel Grant](#). Supports young scientists to present research results at various fora. **Applications for travel grants can be submitted anytime**

Scholarships and courses:

- **(RUFORUM call)** [Proposal Development Write-shop for submissions to the African Union Research Grants Call for Proposals 2018](#). The write-shop is organised on a cost-sharing basis. **Deadline: 30 March 2018**
- **(RUFORUM call)** [MCF@RUFORUM Scholarships 2018](#). For BSc and MSc programmes tenable at Egerton University and Gulu University. **Deadline: 30 March 2018**
- **(RUFORUM call)** [PhD Training Opportunities under the RUFORUM Graduate Teaching Assistantship Program](#). **Applications will be accepted throughout the year**
- [Free e-learning courses from FAO](#)
- **(New)** [EASST Visiting Fellowship for African researchers at the University of California, Berkeley](#). Applicants must be residents of an East African country and have, or be working towards a PhD. **Deadline: 30 March 2018**
- [MoBreed \(Mobility for Breeders in Africa\) grant for MSc and academic/administrative staff exchange in orphan crops breeding](#). **Deadline: 30 March 2018**
- [UNU-WIDER Visiting PhD Fellowship](#). Opportunity for doctoral students to utilize the facilities at UNU-WIDER for their PhD dissertation or thesis research. **Deadline: 31 March and 30 September each year**
- [CAS-TWAS President's PhD Fellowship Programme](#). Up to 200 students from all over the world will be sponsored to study in China for doctoral degrees for up to 4 years. **Deadline: 31 March 2018**
- [TWAS-DFG Cooperation Visits Programme](#). Supports postdoctoral researchers from sub-Saharan Africa, including South Africa, to visit an institute in Germany. **Deadline: 31 March 2018**
- **(New)** [GODAN e-Learning course on Open Data Management in Agriculture and Nutrition](#). Course will run from 9 April to 4 May 2018. **Deadline: 1 April 2018**
- [Intra-Africa Academic Mobility Project: Partnership for Training Scientist in Crop Improvement for Food Security in Africa \(SCIFSA\)](#). Fellowships for PhD and MSc as well as short-term mobility for students and staff. **Deadline: 5 April 2018**

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- [Call for scholarships: Intra-Africa Academic mobility Project - Regional Academic Exchange for Enhanced Skills in Fragile Ecosystems Management in Africa \(REFORM\)](#). Fellowships for PhDs and MSc as well as short term mobility for students and staff. **Deadline: 7 April 2018**
- [PhD scholarship at University of Bonn for research on “Perennial polyculture farming in Uganda: towards increased sustainability, resilience and livelihoods of smallholder farmers”](#). **Deadline: 8 April 2018**
- [IPBO/VIB-UGent center for Plant Systems Biology course on "Modern Breeding techniques of maize"](#), 20 August – 7 September 2018. Scholarships available. **Deadline: 8 April 2018**
- [Joint Japan/World Bank Graduate Scholarship Program](#). Open to applicants from developing countries who are applying to a master degree program in a development-related topic. **Deadline: 12 April 2018**
- **(New)** [Free online SDG Academy course - Feeding a Hungry Planet: Agriculture, Nutrition and Sustainability](#). **Starts on 16 April 2018**
- **(New)** [Borel Global Fellows Programme](#). Master’s degree training at the University of Delaware for students from selected African countries to study areas vital to food security in Africa. **Deadline: 20 April 2018**
- [Call for applications to masters and doctoral programmes at the Pan African University](#). The African Union Commission will offer full scholarships to successful African candidates. **Deadline: 20 April 2018**
- **(New)** [Future Africa Early Career Research Leader Fellowship 2018](#). Post-doctoral fellowship on the African bioeconomy. **Deadline: 30 April 2018**
- [John Allwright Fellowship 2018](#). For university post-graduate studies in Australia who are citizens of ACIAR’s priority partner countries. **Deadline: 30 April 2018**
- [MSc and PhD scholarships at the Centre of Excellence in Sustainable Agriculture and Agribusiness Management \(CESAAM\) hosted at Egerton University in Kenya](#). **Deadline: 30 April 2018**
- [Mwalimu Nyerere African Union Scholarship Scheme 2018](#). For female applicants only for masters and PhD programmes in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). **Deadline: 30 April 2018**
- [International Training Course on Organic Agriculture: People, knowledge and food systems](#), 10 July – 2 August 2018, Uganda. **Deadline: 3 May 2018**
- [PhD position at the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences on the project Improved disease control by community participation - the case of African swine fever in northern Uganda”](#). **Deadline: 4 May 2018**
- **(New)** [MSc and PhD programmes at the Africa Centre of Excellence for Water Management \(ACEWM\) at Addis Ababa University](#). Partial and full scholarships available. **Deadline: 30 May 2018**
- **(New)** [Master of Science in Tropical Animal Health](#) offered by the Institute of Tropical Medicine of Antwerp and University of Pretoria. Scholarships available for developing country applicants. **Deadline: 15 August 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**

Calls for Papers

- **(RUFORUM call)** [Call for research application summaries/extended abstracts and posters for the RUFORUM Biennial Conference 2018](#). **Deadline: 31 July 2018**
- **(RUFORUM call)** [Call for manuscripts: African Journal for Rural Development](#). Regular articles, short communications and reviews accepted. **Deadline: Open**
- **(New)** [Call for papers for the 9th International Agriculture Symposium "AGROSYM 2018" to be held on 4-7 October 2018 in Jahorina mountain \(near Sarajevo\), Bosnia and Herzegovina](#). **Deadline: 20 April 2018**
- **(New)** [Call for Papers for the 5th International Conference on Technology & Management](#). Hosted by Uganda Technology and Management University, 6-7 August 2018, Kampala. **Deadline: 30 April 2018**
- [Call for abstracts for the International APIMONDIA Symposium 2018 on the ‘Role of Bees in Food Production’](#), 30 November - 4 December 2018, Addis Ababa. **Deadline: 30 April 2018**
- [Call for abstracts for the 1st Africa Conference on Evidence to Action \(E2A\)](#), 25 - 27 July 2018, Nairobi. **Deadline: 30 April 2018**

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- [Call for papers and posters for the 7th All African Conference on Animal Agriculture \(7th AACAA\)](#), 15-19 October 2018, Accra. **Deadline: 30 April 2018**
- **(New)** [Call for abstracts for the First “Revolution in Food and Biomass Production \(REFAB\)” Conference](#), 1-2 October 2018, Cologne
- [Call for Abstracts for the 2nd International Conference on Food Safety and Security](#), 15 – 17 October 2018, Pretoria. **Deadline: 2 May 2018**
- [Call for abstracts for the 8th Africa Nutritional Epidemiology Conference \(ANEC VIII\)](#), 1–5 October 2018, Addis Ababa. **Deadline: 30 June 2018**
- [The International Journal of Agricultural Resources, Governance and Ecology](#), welcomes papers on climate change and agriculture, especially from developing countries (Africa in particular)

WEBINARS & E-DISCUSSIONS

- [FAO e-conference on "The Role of Small Farms within a larger context of food security"](#), 19 March – 9 April 2018
- **(New)** [FAO/ITOCA Webinar on “AGRIS for agricultural information data providers”](#), 6 April 2018

JOBS

- **(New)** [Africa Union/UNESCO-IICBA Consultancy: Finalising the Draft Continental Teacher Mobility Protocol](#). **Deadline: 6 April 2018**
- [ICT4Ag Project officer at the Technical Centre for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation \(CTA\)](#), Netherlands. **Deadline: 8 April 2018**

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