

## NEWS AND EVENTS

- [16 RUFORUM funded students conferred with doctoral degrees](#)
- [RUFORUM receives \\$1,500,000 grant to unleash potential of African science leaders through post- doctoral fellowships](#)
- [Persistence helped me achieve my dream – My Postgraduate Training Journey](#)
- [Will global online higher education ever take off?](#)
- [Association of African Universities to establish regional offices in all five regions of Africa](#)
- **Event:** [Africa Fertilizer Agribusiness Conference, 24 - 26 September 2018, Cape Town](#)

## PUBLICATIONS

- [RUFORUM Quarterly Report for the Period October-December 2017](#) (RUFORUM, 2018)
- [Next-generation sequencing reveals the first complete genome sequence of cowpea aphid-borne mosaic virus from Uganda](#) (Mbeyagala et al, 2018)
- [Transforming African economies through university-led innovations: A concept note](#) (Akec, 2018)
- [Strengthening higher education for socio-economic development in Africa](#) (Imbuga, 2018)
- [Scaling strategies for agricultural innovations in Nigeria](#) (FARA, 2018)
- [WASCAL Farmer Innovation Contest: Winners 2012-2015, Ghana](#) (Wünscher et al [eds], 2017)
- [The tertiary education imperative: knowledge, skills and values for development](#) (Salmi, 2017)

**FEATURED VIDEO:** [Going digital to reach the unreachable](#)

## OPPORTUNITIES

### Grants and Awards:

- [IAAE 2018 Carl K. Eicher Award for Best Doctoral Dissertation](#) in agricultural economics in Africa. Dissertations must have been completed during 2015, 2016 or 2017. **Nomination deadline: 26 January 2018**
- [BioInnovate 2nd call for concept notes for sustainable bioinnovations towards value addition and agro/bioprocessing for smallholder farmers and communities in eastern Africa](#). **Deadline: 2 February 2018**
- [Erasmus+ call for proposals for capacity building in the field of higher education 2018](#). **Deadline: 8 February 2018**
- **(New)** [IDRC/ACIAR call for concept notes for Phase 2 of Cultivate Africa's Future](#). Open to organizations that will carry out research in eligible countries in eastern and southern Africa. **Deadline: 1 March 2018**
- [Call for proposals for the Benefit-sharing Fund of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture](#). For projects to enable farmers around the world use and conserve adapted varieties and ensure that biodiversity for food security is safeguarded for the future. **Deadline: 1 March 2018**

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- [\(New\) 2019 TWAS Prizes](#). Awards from The World Academy of Sciences to individual scientists from developing countries. **Nomination deadline: 15 March 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:

- [\(RUFORUM call\) Doctoral research scholarships for Graduate Teaching Assistantships at RUFORUM member universities](#). Research should be related to social and environmental trade-offs in African agriculture. **Deadline: 30 January 2018**
- [\(RUFORUM call\) DAAD-RUFORUM In-Country/In-Region Doctoral Scholarships available for 2018/2019 Academic intake year](#). **Deadline: 8 February 2018**
- [\(New - RUFORUM call\) RUFORUM call for post-doctoral fellowships](#). 2 year fellowships at a university in Africa for RUFORUM-Carnegie supported doctoral alumni. **Deadline: 10 February 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](#)
- [Israeli Agency for International Development \(MASHAV\) professional courses in early 2018](#). Subject areas include agriculture, energy and education. A limited number of scholarships available. **Deadlines vary**
- [Oxford-Weidenfeld and Hoffmann Scholarships and Leadership Programme](#). Supports outstanding postgraduate students from developing and emerging economies to undertake post-graduate studies at the University of Oxford. **Deadline: Varied dates in January 2018, depending on the course**
- [STEPS Summer School on Pathways to Sustainability](#), 14-25 May 2018, United Kingdom. For doctoral and postdoctoral researchers. Scholarships available. **Deadline: 28 January 2018**
- [Erasmus Mundus Joint Master in Sustainable Territorial Development - STeDe](#). Scholarships available. **Deadline: 31 January 2018**
- [International Joint Masters' Degree Programme in Limnology & Wetland Management \(LWM\) 2018](#). **Deadline for ADC and OKP fellowship application is 31 January 2018**
- [MasterCard Foundation scholars Program at Michigan State University \(MSU\) 2018](#). Scholarships for citizens and residents of Sub-Saharan Africa to undertake graduate study at MSU. **Deadline: 1 February 2018**
- [University of Antwerp Master's Programmes in Development Studies 2018-2019](#). Scholarships available for applicants from a number of African countries. **Deadline: 1 February 2018 (VLIR-UOS scholarship) & 15 February 2018 (Master Mind scholarship)**
- [ARPPIS-DAAD PhD scholarships for study at icipe, Kenya](#). Three-year doctoral training in insect and related sciences for development. **Deadline: 4 February 2018**

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- [Call for applications: ASSAf-TWAS-AAAS Regional Workshop on Science Diplomacy to be held in South Africa, from 21 to 25 May 2018](#). **Deadline: 9 February 2018**
- [PhD course in “Gender in Rural Entrepreneurship” by Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences & University of Dar es Salaam, 12-16 March 2018. Worth 7.5 credits \(ECTS\)](#). **Deadline: 12 February 2018**
- [Course on Entrepreneurship in emerging economies](#) offered by Wageningen University & Research. Worth two ECTS credits. **Deadline: 14 February 2018**
- **(New)** [DAAD Summer School on Scientific Research Methods and Teaching Skills in Health Sciences June 2018](#). Training opportunities in Germany for current DAAD scholarship holders. **Deadline: 15 February 2018**
- [2018 Commonwealth Split-site Scholarship](#). For PhD candidates from low and middle income Commonwealth countries to spend up to 12 months at a UK university. **Deadline: 15 February 2018**
- [VLIR-UOS scholarships for the year 2018-2019](#). For selected trainings or master's programmes taught in English at a Belgian (Flemish) university or university college. **Deadline: Varies by programme applied for**
- **(New)** [International Training Programme: 313d Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources - in Support of Innovation, 1-23 May 2018, Stockholm](#). **Deadline: 23 February 2018**
- [IITA Fellowships to Promote Research on “Youth Engagement in Agribusiness and Rural Economic Activities in Africa”](#). For young scholars and students at the post-course work/research stage of their programs for the study. **Deadline: 28 February 2018**
- [Call for applications: Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degree in International Development Studies \(GLODEP\) intake for 2018-2020](#). Full scholarships available. **Deadline: 28 February 2018**
- **(New)** [The Elsevier Foundation - TWAS Sustainability Visiting Expert Programme](#). Supports visits of distinguished scientists to institutions in developing countries. **Deadline: 1 March 2018**
- [Alexander von Humboldt Foundation — International Climate Protection Fellowships 2018](#). 20 fellowships for young climate experts from developing countries. **Deadline: 1 March 2018**
- [Postdoctoral Fellowships on Innovative Methods and Metrics for Agriculture and Nutrition Actions \(IMMANA Fellowships\)](#). Applicants may be of any nationality. **Deadline: 1 March 2018 for full proposals**
- **(New)** [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**
- **(New)** [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**
- [Free online courses on sustainability from the ESRC STEPS Centre at the University of Sussex](#)
- [Elsevier Publishing Campus](#): free online training platform for researchers to improve their knowledge and skills in publishing academic research
- [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 abstract submissions for the XIX. World Congress of the International Commission of Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering \(CIGR\)](#), Cyprus, 22-25 April 2018. **New deadline: 19 January 2018**
- [Call for papers for the 2nd Symposium on Climate Change Adaptation in Africa](#), to be held in Ibadan, Nigeria on 14 & 15 May 2018. **Deadline: 20 January 2018**
- [Call for abstracts for the conference “Sorghum in the 21st Century”](#), 9-12 April 2018, Cape Town. Sponsorship available. **Deadline: 31 January 2018 for posters**

## WEBINARS

**(New)** [Envisioning pathways to 2030: Megatrends shaping the future of global higher education and international student mobility](#), 24 January 2018

## JOBS

- [General Manager at the Southern African Research and Innovation Management Association \(SARIMA\)](#). **Deadline: 26 January 2018**
- **(New)** [EAFF call for applications for consultants to conduct scoping studies for existing financial services to youth in Agribusiness in Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda and Uganda](#). **Deadline: 4 February 2018**
- **(New)** [Lead Specialist - Monitoring and Evaluation at the Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa \(FARA\)](#). **Deadline: 9 February 2018**
- **(New)** [Project Coordinator of ACE II based at the Inter-University Council for East Africa \(IUCEA\) Secretariat](#). **Deadline: 9 February 2018**

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