

NEWS & EVENTS

- [Mastercard@RUFORUM announces award of 60 MSc and BSc scholarships for 2018-2019 academic year](#)
- [\[Issue 20\] Media Monitoring: Extract of Press News on Higher Education in Africa](#)
- [University of Namibia appoints Professor Kenneth Matengu as new Vice Chancellor](#)
- [African scientists launch their own preprint repository - AfricArxiv](#)
- **Events:**
 - **(RUFORUM event)** [6th African Higher Education Week & RUFORUM Biennial Conference, 22-26 October 2018, Nairobi. Early bird registration closes on 31 July 2018](#)
 - [5th Agbiz Grain Symposium, 21 August 2018, Pretoria](#)
 - [Science Forum 2018, 12 October 2018, Stellenbosch](#)

PUBLICATIONS

- [Gender dimensions in the local chicken value chain in northern Uganda \(Akite et al, 2018\)](#)
- [Seasonal variations in the availability of fodder resources and practices of dairy cattle feeding among the smallholder farmers in Western Usambara Highlands, Tanzania \(Maleko et al, 2017\)](#)
- [Acute and sub-acute toxicity of *Commiphora swynnertonii* extracts: an experimental study on albino mice and rats. \(Disela et al, 2017\)](#)
- [Agrobiodiversity conservation enhances food security in subsistence-based farming systems of Eastern Kenya \(Mburu et al, 2016\)](#)
- [Closing the potential-performance divide in Ugandan agriculture \(World Bank, 2018\)](#)
- [The challenge of change harnessing university discovery, engagement, and learning to achieve food and nutrition security \(Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities, 2017\)](#)

FEATURED VIDEO: [Women in extension](#)

OPPORTUNITIES

Grants and Awards

- **(RUFORUM call)** [RUFORUM Young African Entrepreneurs Competition 2018 / Concours des Jeunes entrepreneurs africains 2018](#). Open to African entrepreneurs and incubatees below 35 years of age. **Deadline: 31 August 2018**
- [Nomination to the African Academy of Sciences Affiliates Membership Programme](#). Targets African nationals aged 40 years or below, employed in higher education or research institutions and have obtained their PhD within the last five years. **Deadline: 4 July 2018**
- **(New)** [Call for Research Proposals - Rapid Research Fund for Ebola Virus Disease Outbreaks](#). **Deadline: 13 July 2018**
- [Islamic Development Bank Call for the Science, Technology and Innovation Transform Fund](#). Provides seed money for innovators, startups and SMEs to develop a strong business proposal. **Deadline: 31 July 2018**
- [Call for Code Challenge on the theme Natural Disaster Preparedness and Relief](#). A competition for developers to build solutions that improve natural disaster preparedness. **Deadline: 31 August 2018**
- [UNFCCC/UNDP-GEF Global Youth Video Competition on Climate Change](#). Youth aged 18-30 are invited to submit videos about projects or campaigns showcasing actions on climate change. **Deadline: 31 Aug 2018**

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- TWAS prizes:
 - [TWAS Fellowships for Research and Advanced Training](#). To enable young scientists in developing countries to spend 3-12 months at a research institution in a developing country other than their own. **Deadline: 1 October 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**
- [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)** [Call for Expression of Interest to participate in a training for building a pool of professional Public Relations Officers in RUFORUM Member Universities](#). **Deadline: 31 July 2018**
- **(RUFORUM call)** [PhD Training Opportunities under the RUFORUM Graduate Teaching Assistantship Program](#). **Applications will be accepted throughout the year**
- **(New)** [Six PhD positions in Data Science and Data Engineering at University of Bonn](#). Positions are fully funded and immediately available. **Deadline: Hiring is ongoing and will continue till positions are filled**
- [Master's and PhD scholarships at the African Center of Excellence in Phytochemicals, Textile and Renewable Energy \(ACEII-PTRE\), Moi University](#). **Deadline: Open till the end of the year**
- [Free e-learning course on "Food loss analysis case study methodology"](#)
- [Free e-learning courses from FAO](#)
- [Free online course on Artificial Intelligence from University of Helsinki](#). Open to anyone, anywhere
- [Mastering Applied Data Science course](#). Fellowship available for this 12 week course
- [Carnegie African Diaspora Fellowship Program](#). Accredited universities in Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, South Africa, Tanzania and Uganda can submit a request to host scholars born in Africa, but living in the United States or Canada. **Deadline: 6 July 2018**
- **(New)** [Free course on Lean Data Approaches to Measure Social Impact](#). **Course begins on 10 July 2018**
- [Travel scholarships to attend OpenCon 2018](#), 2-4 November 2018, Toronto. For students and early career professionals interested in advancing Open Access, Open Education and Open Data. **Deadline: 13 July 2018**
- [NAWA development assistance for Sub-Saharan Africa](#). Offers places in higher education institutions in Poland without any fees. **Deadline: 15 July 2018**
- [The African Center for Agro-Ecology and Livelihood Systems \(ACALISE\) hosted at Uganda Martyrs University invites applications for 10 PhD and 108 MSc scholarships](#). **Deadline: 16 July 2018**
- **(New)** [AWARD leadership courses for 2018](#):
 - [Leadership Program for Agricultural Research and Development \(LEPARD\)](#), 27-31 August 2018 in Hyderabad, India. Targets both men and women. **Deadline: 20 July 2018**
 - [Women's Leadership and Management Course \(WLMC\)](#), 30 September - 6 October, 2018 in Colombo, Sri Lanka. **Deadline: August 10, 2018**
- [BioInnovate Africa Fellowship for Women Scientists](#). Applicants must be a national of, and resident in, Burundi, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, or Uganda. **Deadline: 20 July 2018**
- **(New)** [Three PhD positions in Transparent Data Science at the Eindhoven University of Technology \(TU/e\)](#). **Deadline: 22 July 2018**
- [Data Documentation Initiative \(DDI\) - Train the Trainers](#), 24-28 September at Schloss Dagstuhl-Leibniz Center for Informatics, Wadern, Germany. Some support available. **Deadline: 22 July 2018**

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- [Sofja Kovalevskaja Award for young research talents](#). Junior academics of all disciplines from abroad, who completed their doctorates within the last six years, are eligible apply. Award winners receive up to â,-1.65 million each. **Deadline: 31 July 2018**
- **(New)** [Call for applications for Africa Plant Breeding Academy Class IV](#). Participants must be based in Africa and actively managing a breeding programme. Some scholarships available. **Deadline: 15 August 2018**
- [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**
- [UNFCCC-UNU Early Career Climate Fellowship Programme](#). For young people from developing countries. Fellowships may last from six months to two years. **Deadline: 16 August 2018**
- **(New)** [DIES/CREST Online Training Course for Supervisors of Doctoral Candidates at African Universities](#). Applicants must be employed by or affiliated to a university in Africa. **Deadline: 19 August 2018**
- [Qualitative Data Analysis by Using Thematic and Content Analysis Techniques](#) at Sokoine University of Agriculture, Tanzania, 7-10 September 2018. Fee paying course. **Deadline: 30 August 2018**
- [TWAS-ICCBS Postgraduate Fellowship Programme](#). For young scientists from developing countries (other than Pakistan) to pursue research towards a PhD in chemical and biological sciences. **Deadline: 31 August 2018**
- [TWAS-UPM Postdoctoral Fellowship Programme](#). For young scientists from developing countries (other than Malaysia) who wish to pursue advanced research in the natural sciences at the Universiti Putra Malaysia. **Deadline: 31 August 2018**
- [Early Career Women Scientists \(ECWS\) Fellowships](#). For women who have completed their PhDs in STEM subjects and are employed at an academic or scientific research institute. **Deadline: 31 August 2018**
- [OWSD Early Career Women Scientists \(ECWS\) fellowship](#). For women who have completed their PhDs in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) subjects. **Deadline: 31 August 2018**
- [Data Science Fellowship](#). 8 week fellowship for master's students, PhDs, and postdocs in STEM and social science fields seeking industry careers as data scientists. **Next program starts on 10 September 2018**
- [Rhodes Scholarship for West Africa](#). **Deadline: 30 September 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: 30 September 2018**
- International short courses at the Wageningen Centre for Development Innovation, The Netherlands. **Deadline for OKP and MSP Fellowships: 16 October 2018:**
 - [Evaluating and Managing for Sustainable Development Impact](#), 18 March - 5 April 2019
 - [Landscape Governances](#), 1-12 April 2019
- [Leibniz-Institute of Freshwater Ecology and Inland Fisheries Fellowship in Freshwater Science](#). Fellowships for PhD students, postdocs and senior scientists for 6-24 months. **Deadline: 1 December 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**
- [Call for abstracts for International Conference On Food Security and Climate Change](#), 4-5 October, Harare
- [Call for abstracts for the WACCI International Conference on Food and Nutrition Security in Africa](#), 3-4 October 2018, University of Ghana. **Deadline: 27 July 2018**
- Call for papers for IEEE Open Innovations Conference 2018, 3-5 October 2018, Johannesburg. **Deadline: 31 July 2018**
- [Call for posters for the 14th International Digital Curation Conference](#), 4-7 February 2019, Melbourne. **Deadline: 30 September 2018**

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JOBS

- [Call for short-term academic staff at the Pan African University Institute of Water and Energy Sciences \(PAUWES\)](#). The year will run from earliest October 2018 till end of June 2019. **Deadline: 10 July 2018**
- **(New)** [Call for expression of interest for conducting a review/assess land access and tenure for youth agripreneurs in Sudan](#). **Deadline: 15 July 2018**

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