

NEWS & EVENTS

- [Agriculture e-learning hub goes live](#)
- [Rethinking the value proposition of university education: the challenge of employability](#)
- [Higher education needs to consider the barriers to access such as gender, class, race and disability](#)
- [Africa's first online database on education research launched](#)
- **Events:**
 - **(RUFORUM event)** [6th African Higher Education Week & RUFORUM Biennial Conference, 22-26 October 2018, Nairobi. Early bird registration closes on 31 July 2018](#)
 - [African Women In Research Science And Academia Conference, Pretoria, 23 -24 August 2018](#)

PUBLICATIONS

- [A more complete definition for promiscuous soybean \(Agoyi et al , 2018\)](#)
- [Value chain analysis of baobab products for improved marketing and sustainability of their trade in Malawi \(Amosi, 2018\)](#)
- [Phenotypic characterization, reproductive biology and vegetative propagation of *Adansonia digitata* L. wild populations in Malawi \(Jenya, 2018\)](#)
- [Big data: deep learning for detecting malware \(Masabo, Kaawaase & Sansa-Otim, 2018\)](#)
- [World Development Report 2018: Learning to Realize Education's Promise \(World Bank, 2018\)](#)
- [Shadow libraries: access to knowledge in global higher education \(Karaganis \[ed\], 2018\)](#)

FEATURED VIDEO: [Micro-dosing](#)

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**
- [SGCI call for proposals for the First Cooperation Grant Initiative 2018](#). For scientists, researchers and innovators from Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda. The focus of this call is on regional processing. **Deadline: 22 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**
- **(New)** [ReSAKSS Data Challenge](#). A competition to encourage young Africans to use data on the ReSAKSS platform to showcase innovative ideas bringing solutions to African issues. **Deadline: End of August 2018**
- **(New)** [Call for participation in the World Development Report 2019 Competition on the changing nature of work](#). **Deadline: 31 August 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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- **(New)** IDRC Research Awards 2019. Open to Canadians, permanent residents of Canada, and citizens of developing countries who have recently completed, or are pursuing, a master's or doctoral degree at a recognized university. **Deadline: 5 September 2018**
- **(New)** Global call for research proposals: Innovative veterinary solutions for antimicrobial resistance (InnoVet-AMR) in food-producing animals: livestock and aquaculture. **Deadline: 12 September 2018**
- Call for applications for international, regional, national research centres and networks in Eastern Africa to participate as host Institutions of the DAAD Scholarship Programme. **Deadline: 14 September 2018**
- TWAS prizes:
 - TWAS Fellowships for Research and Advanced Training. To enable young scientists in developing countries 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**
- African Union Kwame Nkrumah Awards for Scientific Excellence (AUKNASE): Continental & Regional Awards 2018 Edition. **Deadline: 10 November 2018**
- empowering people Award 2019. Aims to identify simple technological innovations with business potential and make them accessible in developing areas. **Deadline: 31 October 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)** 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**
- 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 courses from FAO
- New FAO e-learning courses to track progress towards Sustainable Development Goals
- 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
- **(New)** MSc Climate Change and Food security and MSc in Agronomy (Dryland Farming) at Bishop Stuart University, Uganda
- CODATA-RDA Foundational School in Research Data Science, 22 October - 2 November, 2018, Kigali. For participants in any discipline. Some support for travel and accommodation available. **Deadline: 18 July 2018**
- AWARD leadership courses for 2018:
 - Leadership Program for Agricultural Research and Development (LEPARD), 27-31 August 2018 in Hyderabad, India. For 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**

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- [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**
- [Call Extension - MSc Scholarships in fisheries science under Intra-Africa Mobility Scheme](#). This call targets Ugandans. Scholarships tenable at Rhodes University and Mzuzu University. **Deadline: 23 July 2018**
- [Visiting Research Fellowship - UNICEF Office of Research, Florence, Italy](#). For junior researchers in various fields, including agricultural economics, who are citizens of African countries. **Deadline: 24 July 2018**
- [MSc scholarships at the Center of Studies in Oil and Gas Engineering and Technology at Universidade Eduardo Mondlane, Mozambique](#). For programmes in oil and gas 2018. **Deadline 28 July 2018**
- [Master's in Fertilizer Science & Technology at University Mohammed 6 Polytechnic \(UM6P\)](#) starting September 2018. **Deadline: 31 July 2018**
- [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 € million each. **Deadline: 31 July 2018**
- **(New)** [American Society of Plant biologists \(ASPB\) Scholars Programme 2018](#). Open to 25 exceptional undergraduate and graduate students studying plant biology. **Deadline: 13 August 2018**
- [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**
- [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**
- [Call for applications for master's programmes at the University of Rwanda Africa Centre of Excellence in Energy for Sustainable Development \(ACE-ESD\)](#). **Deadline: 31 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**
- [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**
- **(New)** [Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions COFUND Collaborative Research Fellowships for a Responsive and Innovative Europe \(CAROLINE\) 2019](#). Open to applicants of any nationality. **Deadline: 6 September 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**
- **(New)** [Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions COFUND research fellowships under Research Leaders 2025 scheme](#). Aims to develop next generation research leaders in the agri-food domain. **Deadline: 1 October 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

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- [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**

JOBS

- [Job opportunities at RUFORUM](#). **Deadline: 30 September 2018**
 - Deputy Executive Secretary, Programme Development & Implementation
 - Technical Specialist, Youths Skills Development & Community Engagement
 - Technical Specialist, Policy Analysis
 - Technical Specialist, Research and Development
 - Internal Auditor
 - Systems Accountant
- **(New)** [ILRI vacancy: Team leader - Publishing and Curation](#). **Deadline: 19 July 2018**
- [Data Science Manager at the University of Plymouth, UK](#). **Deadline: 29 July 2018**

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