

NEWS & EVENTS

- [RUFORUM Board Chair awarded honorary doctorate from Cardiff Metropolitan University](#)
- [Higher quality seed potato improves productivity and income of smallholder farmers in Nakuru County](#)
- [\[Issue 22\] Media Monitoring: Extract of Press News on Higher Education in Africa](#)
- [The challenge of growing PhD graduate numbers](#)
- [Should middle-ranking universities push for the top?](#)
- **RUFORUM event:** [6th African Higher Education Week & RUFORUM Biennial Conference, 22-26 October 2018, Nairobi](#)
 - [Register now](#). Early bird registration closes on 31 August 2018
 - [Call for side events/pre/post conference workshops](#): Deadline: 30 July 2018
 - [Call for exhibitions](#). Deadline: 15 September 2018
 - [Call for expression of interest to participate in a training of building a pool of professional public relations officers in RUFORUM member universities](#). Deadline: 31 August 2018
 - [Call for submission of extended abstracts](#). Deadline: 31 August 2018

PUBLICATIONS

- [Farmer knowledge of bacterial wilt and root-knot nematodes and practices to control the pathogens in high tunnel tomato production in the tropics](#) (*Ileri et al, 2018*)
- [Trait association and stability of virus resistance among cowpea genotypes in Uganda](#) (*Mbeyagala et al, 2018*)
- [Integrated peanut aflatoxin management for increase income and nutrition in Northern Ghana](#) (*Sugri et al, 2017*)
- [Repellency activity of *Commiphora swynnertonii* exudates against *Rhipicephalus appendiculatus* larvae](#) (*Disela et al, 2017*)
- [Determinants of adoption of multiple climate change adaptation strategies in southern Malawi: An ordered probit analysis](#) (*Maguza-Tembo, 2016*)
- [Building PhD capacity in sub-Saharan Africa](#) (*British Council & DAAD, 2018*)

FEATURED VIDEO: [Preventing diseases in rabbits](#)

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**
- [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)** [FOSS4G 2018 Travel Grants for African Women](#). Support to attend the 2018 FOSS4G conference on open source geospatial software in Dar es Salaam. **Deadline: 6 August 2018**
- **(New)** [World Bank call for proposals: 2018 collaborative data innovations for sustainable development](#). **Deadline: 15 August 2018**
- **(New)** [Aflatoxin Control Challenge in Africa](#). Provides funds for research projects to reduce or eliminate exposure to aflatoxin-contaminated foods and feeds in Africa. **Deadline: 24 August 2018**

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- 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**
- 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**
- 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**
- **(New)** Fall 2018 WARC Travel Grant Competition. Open only to West African nationals. **Deadline: 15 September 2018**
- 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. **New deadline: 17 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
- MSc Climate Change and Food security and MSc in Agronomy (Dryland Farming) at Bishop Stuart University, Uganda. Fee paying course.

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- [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 €1.65 million each. **Deadline: 31 July 2018**
- **(New)** [Call for Applications for Master of Science in Data Science at the African Center of Excellence in Data Science, University of Rwanda](#). Full and partial scholarships available. **Deadline: 10 August 2018**
- AWARD leadership course on [Women's Leadership and Management Course \(WLMC\)](#), 30 September – 6 October, 2018 in Colombo, Sri Lanka. **Deadline: 10 August 2018**
- **(New)** [Future Africa Institute invites applications for the Early Career Research Leader Fellowship](#). For doctoral graduates and early - career postdoctoral fellows linked to networks and initiatives supported by Carnegie Corporation New York. **Deadline: 12 August 2018**
- [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**
- [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**
- [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



- [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**

WEBINARS AND E-DISCUSSIONS

- **(New)** [FSN Forum Africa e-discussion: “Youth employment in Africa as a solid solution to ending hunger and poverty in Africa”](#). *Ongoing discussion till 3 August 2018*
- **(New)** [Future Climate for Africa webinar: “Demonstration and application of a financial planning tool for African national meteorological and hydrological services”](#), 31 July 2018

JOBS

- [Job opportunities at RUFORUM](#). **Deadline: 30 September 2018**
 - Deputy Executive Secretary, Programme Development & Implementation
 - Technical Specialist/Youths Skills Development & Community Engagement (YSD&CE)
 - Technical Specialist, Policy Analysis
 - Technical Specialist, Research and Development
 - Internal Auditor
- **(New)** [CORAF Manager Partnership for Agricultural Research, Education and Development \(PAIRED\)](#). Open to nationals of West and Central Africa. **Deadline: 27 July 2018**
- [Data Science Manager at the University of Plymouth, UK](#). **Deadline: 29 July 2018**
- **(New)** [Individual consultant to facilitate the crafting of FARA’s new strategy \(2019 - 2028\) and MTOP \(2019 - 2023\)](#). **Deadline: 10 August 2018**
- **(New)** [Resource Mobilisation Officer at FANRPAN](#). **Deadline: 13 August 2018**
- **(New)** [Positions of Vice Chancellor and Deputy Vice Chancellor \(Academic Affairs and Research\) at the Botswana University of Agriculture and Natural Resources](#). **Deadline: 20 August 2018**

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