

## NEWS & EVENTS

- [Pre-call for proposals announcement: Strengthening Higher Agricultural Education for Agri-Food System Transformation in Africa \(SHAEA\)/Préannonce: Projet d'Appui à l'Enseignement Supérieur Agricole pour une Transformation des Systèmes Agroalimentaires en Afrique](#)
- [Is creating jobs part of the role of universities?](#)
- [RUFORUM researcher to receive medal from the Vatican for outstanding scientific research](#)
- [\[Issue 23\] Media Monitoring: Extract of Press News on Higher Education in Africa](#)
- [Why investments in higher education and research in Africa are so important](#)
- [Prof Ngumi takes over as Vice Chancellor Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology](#)
- **Event:** [6th African Higher Education Week & RUFORUM Biennial Conference, 22-26 Oct. 2018, Nairobi](#)
  - [Register now](#). Early bird registration closes on 31 August 2018
  - [Call for exhibitions](#). Deadline: 31 August 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

- [Better vegetables, better lives: improving African indigenous vegetables for greater nutrition and income \(PAEPARD, 2018\)](#)
- [Aboveground biomass partitioning and additive models for \*Combretum glutinosum\* and \*Terminalia laxiflora\* in West Africa \(Dimobe et al, 2018\)](#)
- [Opportunities and challenges for research on food and nutrition security and agriculture in Africa \(Network of African Science Academies, 2018\)](#)
- [Transforming Sub-Saharan Africa's agriculture through agribusiness innovation \(Payumo, Lemgo & Maredia, 2017\)](#)
- [Impact of soil and water conservation improvement on the welfare of smallholder farmers in southern Malawi \(Maguza-Tembo, Abdi-Khalil & Mangisoni, 2016\)](#)

**FEATURED VIDEO:** [Grafting mango seedlings](#)

## 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**
- [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**
- [World Bank call for proposals: 2018 Collaborative Data Innovations for Sustainable Development](#). **Deadline: 15 August 2018**
- **(New)** [CGIAR Inspire Challenge](#). Looking for novel approaches that democratize data-driven insights to inform policies and applications in agriculture and food security in real time. **Deadline: 20 August 2018**
- [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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- **(New)** [Leatherman grants for innovation](#). US\$100 thousand to non-profit organizations around the world who are paving the way for change through innovative ideas. **Deadline: 31 August 2018**
- **(New)** [Cartier Women's Initiative Awards - Edition 2019](#). Supports women entrepreneurs who lead social enterprises in their early phases that have potential to grow significantly. **Deadline: 31 August 2018**
- [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**
- **(New)** [African tech for good competition](#). Share 3-minute videos showing how technology is being used to fight climate change in Africa. **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**
- **(New)** [Education Research in Africa Award](#). **Deadline: 14 September 2018**. Award categories:
  - [Emerging Educational Researcher](#)
  - [Accomplished Educational Researcher](#)
  - [Outstanding Mentor of Educational Researchers](#)
  - [Enabling Institutional Environment for Educational Research](#)
- [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**
- [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. **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**
- **(New)** [Carnegie African Diaspora Fellowships](#). Short-term fellowships to African-born academics at universities in the USA and Canada to collaborate with African universities. **Deadline: 9 December 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:

- **(New- RUFORUM call)** [FAO-RUFORUM call for applications for AGORA online course in English and French/ Appel aux candidatures pour le cours en ligne AGORA en français et anglais](#). **Deadline: 3 September 2018**
- **(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 August 2018**
- **(RUFORUM call)** [PhD training opportunities under the RUFORUM Graduate Teaching Assistantship Programme](#). **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](#)
- [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)** [DAAD scholarships 2019-2020](#). For individuals from eligible developing countries to undertake post-graduate study at German universities in development-related subjects. **Deadline: Varies by course**
- [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](#), 30 September - 6 October, 2018 in Colombo, Sri Lanka. **Deadline: 10 August 2018**
- [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**
- **(New)** [PhD fellowship on Natural Language Processing for Conversational Artificial Intelligence at the Norwegian University of Science and Technology](#). **Deadline: 15 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**
- **(New)** [Call for applications for PhD by research in Mathematics and Science Education at the African Centre of Excellence for Innovative Teaching and Learning Mathematics and Science, University of Rwanda](#). Financial support available for selected candidates. **Deadline 25 August 2018**
- **(New)** [Research traineeship for PhD students for MYTOX-SOUTH partners](#). The traineeship period includes 1- 6 months at Ghent University in 2019. **Deadline: 30 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**
- **(New)** [TWAS-DBT Postdoctoral Fellowship Programme](#). For foreign scholars from developing countries to pursue postdoctoral research in biotechnology in India. **Deadline: 31 August 2018**
- **(New)** [TWAS-CSIR Postgraduate Fellowship Programme](#). For scholars from developing countries who wish to pursue research toward a PhD in emerging areas of science and technology. **Deadline: 31 August 2018**
- **(New)** [Mastercard Foundation Scholarships at University of Cape Town 2019](#). For economically disadvantaged students from Sub-Saharan Africa to pursue undergraduate or postgraduate study. **Deadline: 31 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**

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- [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**
- **(New)** [Call for Applications for the GODAN Action Online Course on Open Data Management in Agriculture, Nutrition and Land](#). Free course. **Deadline: 17 September 2018**
- **(New)** [4th edition of Science by Women Program request for applications for visiting senior research fellowships in Spanish Centers of Excellence](#). 14 six-month fellowships will be awarded to African women researchers. **Deadline: 30 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 August 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 posters for the 14th International Digital Curation Conference](#), 4-7 February 2019, Melbourne. **Deadline: 30 September 2018**
- **(New)** [Call for papers for the International Conference on Data Value Chain in Science & Territories](#), 14 & 15 March 2019, Paris. **Deadline: 15 October 2018**
- **(New)** [Call for papers: Special Issue of Elsevier's Agricultural Systems Journal on "Science of scaling: connecting the pathways of agricultural research and development for improved food, income and nutrition security"](#). **Deadline: 31 December 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
- Individual consultant to facilitate the crafting of FARA's new strategy (2019 - 2028) and MTOP (2019 - 2023). Deadline: 10 August 2018
- Resource Mobilisation Officer at FANRPAN. Deadline: 13 August 2018
- **(New)** Postdoc Research Fellow in African Agricultural Ecology, School of Biology at the University of Leeds. Deadline: 20 August 2018
- Positions of Botswana University of Agriculture and Natural Resources. Deadline: 20 August 2018
- **(New)** Associate Research Fellow/Research Fellow at the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)
- **(New)** Director of Research Data Service at Princeton University

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