NEWS AND EVENTS

- Six RUFORUM member universities among top 17 ranked African universities
- RUFORUM PhD graduate starts cowpea breeding program at University of Cape Coast
- AQUAFISH Center of Excellence and RUFORUM implement staff exchange program – 9 professors visit LUANAR
- Carnegie supports RUFORUM post-doctoral fellowships
- How can higher education bring socially-just change?
- Event: Tropentag 2018 - Global food security and food safety: the role of universities, 17-19 September 2018, Ghent, Belgium

PUBLICATIONS

- Limits of phytosanitation and host plant resistance towards the control of cassava viruses in Uganda (Kawuki et al, 2018)
- Economic analysis of different weed control methods among smallholder maize farmers in Swaziland (Khumalo et al, 2018)
- What’s smart about climate-smart agriculture? (Taylor, 2018)
- Transforming university education in Africa: lessons from Kenya (Mukhwana, 2018)
- Challenges in the collaboration between European and African universities for doctoral training (Rihoux & Kabwigiri, 2018)
- Envisioning pathways to 2030: megatrends shaping the future of global higher education and international student mobility (Choudaha & Van Rest, 2018)
- Business models for sustainable research data repositories (OECD, 2017)

FEATURED VIDEO: Farmers’ rights to seed

OPPORTUNITIES

Grants and Awards:

- 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
- 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
- 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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- **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**
- **(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**
- **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**
- **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**
- **(New) ILRI-DAAD fellowships.** **Deadline: 11 February 2018**
ILRI – DAAD PhD Graduate fellowship: Opportunities and limitations of mobile handheld Near Infrared Spectroscopy (NIRS) for analysis of feed, forage and fodder quality

ILRI – DAAD PhD Graduate fellowship: – Designing integrated strategies for the control of Taenia solium infections in Uganda using a theory of change approach

ILRI – DAAD PhD Graduate fellowship: Leveraging digital technology for crowdsourcing and dissemination of information to improve market linkages in drylands of Kenya

ILRI – DAAD PhD Graduate fellowship: – Social networks, risk management and uptake of improved dairy technologies

ILRI – DAAD PhD Graduate fellowship: Development of nation-wide interactive decision-making tools around feed supply- demand in Ethiopia and Burkina Faso

ILRI – DAAD PhD Graduate fellowship: Climate smart interventions to improve fodder quality and quantity

- 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) GREAT Course 3: Gender-Responsive Legume Breeding. Fee-paying course, but some scholarships are available. Deadline: 15 February 2018

- 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 masters programmes taught in English at a Belgian (Flemish) university or university college. Deadline: Varies by programme applied for


- 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

- 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) Excellence Master Fellowships from University of Geneva. Open to outstanding students who wish to pursue a Master of Science degree in one of the disciplines covered by the Faculty. Deadline: 15 March 2018
• (New) Structural Transformation of African Agriculture and Rural Spaces (STAARS) Fellowship Program. For early-career African researchers seeking to become STAARS fellows in 2018. **Deadline: 15 March 2018**

• 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**

• 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 abstracts for the conference “Sorghum in the 21st Century”, 9-12 April 2018, Cape Town. Sponsorship available. **Deadline: 31 January 2018 for posters**

• (New) Call for abstracts for Southern African Research and Innovation Management Association (SARIMA) Conference, 28 May – 1 June 2018, Johannesburg. **Extended deadline: 2 February 2018**

• (New) Call for papers for the 4th Global African Swine Fever Research Alliance (GARA) Scientific Workshop, 11-13 April 2018, Cagliari, Italy. **Extended deadline: 15 February 2018**

• (New) Call for abstracts for the International APIMONDIA Symposium 2018 on the ‘Role of Bees in Food Production’, 30 November - 4 December 2018, Addis Ababa. **Deadline: 30 April 2018**

• (New) Call for papers and posters for the 7th All African Conference on Animal Agriculture (7th AACAA), 15-19 October 2018, Accra. **Deadline: 30 April 2018**

**JOBS**

• 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**

• Lead Specialist - Monitoring and Evaluation at the Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA). **Deadline: 9 February 2018**

• Project Coordinator of ACE II based at the Inter-University Council for East Africa (IUCEA) Secretariat. **Deadline: 9 February 2018**

• (New) ILRI consultancy: Economic assessment of substandard and counterfeit veterinary products in Kenya – Re-advertisement. **Deadline: 10 February 2018**

• (New) ILRI vacancy: Statistical Geneticist. **Deadline: 24 February 2018**

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