

## NEWS & EVENTS

- [New staff appointments at RUFORUM Secretariat](#)
- [Egerton University student addresses the first Extra-Ordinary Summit for the Committee of Ten African Heads of State in Malawi](#)
- [African Open Science Platform launched](#)
- [Research universities – Lessons for Africa from China](#)
- [Leading a university in financially challenging times](#)
- **Events:**
  - [11th Global Forum for Food and Agriculture \(GFFA\), 17-19 January 2019, Berlin](#)
  - [Catalysing actionable knowledge to implement climate-smart solutions for next-generation ACP agriculture, 22-25 January 2019, Wageningen](#)
  - [The First FAO/WHO/AU International Food Safety Conference, 12-13 February 2019, Addis Ababa](#)

## PUBLICATIONS

- [Constraints to production and preferred traits for taro \(\*Colocasia esculenta\*\) and new cocoyam \(\*Xanthosoma mafaffa\*\) in Togo, West Africa \(Damigou et al, 2018\)](#)
- [Application of a value chain approach to understanding white kenkey production, vending and consumption practices in three districts of Ghana \(Oduro-Yeboah et al, 2018\)](#)
- [Duration of low temperature storage, clove topping and gibberellic acid on garlic sprouting and seedling vigor \(Bizuayehu et al, 2018\)](#)
- [Market valuation of processed fruit juice attributes in Uganda: What do market prices of processed fruit juice reflect? \(Elepu, 2018\)](#)
- [2018 Global Nutrition Report \(2018\)](#)
- [All around the world – Higher education equity policies across the globe \(Salmi, 2018\)](#)
- [Transformational leaders and social change: IFP \[Ford Foundation International Fellowships\] impacts in Africa and the Middle East: Report No. 4 \(Kallick & Murga, 2018\)](#)
- [Turning FAIR into reality: Final report and action plan from the European Commission expert group on FAIR data \(Collins et al, 2018\)](#)

**FEATURES VIDEO:** [Using sack mounds to grow vegetables](#)

## OPPORTUNITIES

### Grants and Awards

- **(RUFORUM call)** [Call for proposals: RUFORUM Community Action Research Programme for Angola, Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa and Zambia](#). Applicants eligible to receive funding up to US\$300,000.  
**Deadline: 15 January 2019**
- TWAS prizes:
  - [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**

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- [Agrilinks 2018 Photo Challenge](#). Tell the story of global food security and poverty reduction through images of your development work. **Deadline: 20 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**
- **(New)** [Lead2030 Challenge for Goal 2](#). Seeks to support solutions which work to end malnutrition. **Deadline: 5 January 2019**
- **(New)** [Lead2030 Challenge for Goal 4](#). Seeks to support scalable youth-led solutions. **Deadline: 5 January 2019**
- [Google AI Impact Challenge](#). Open call to organizations around the world to submit their ideas for how they could use artificial intelligence to help address societal challenges. **Deadline: 22 January 2019**
- [SAIS 2 Innovation Fund - 2nd Call for Proposals](#). For organisations that support innovation and entrepreneurship in the Southern African Development Community (SADC). **Deadline: 24 January 2019**
- [2019 Call for proposals: Erasmus+ programme of the European Union](#). Deadlines vary per action.
  - [Mobility of individuals in the field of higher education](#): **5 February 2019**
  - [Mobility of individuals in VET, school education and adult education fields](#): **5 February 2019**
  - [Capacity building in the field of higher education](#): **7 February 2019**
  - [Strategic partnerships in the field of education and training](#): **21 March 2019**
- **(New)** [Call for expression of interest: OR Tambo Africa Research Chairs Initiative](#). Research Chairs shall be held by an African research-intensive public university. **Deadline: 21 February 2019**
- [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)** [MCF@RUFORUM scholarships 2019](#). For African students to study selected undergraduate and postgraduate courses at Gulu University or Egerton University. **Deadline: 31 March 2019**
- **(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 end of 2018**
- [FAO e-learning course on plant and animal genetic resources for food and agriculture](#)
- [Free online course on Artificial Intelligence from University of Helsinki](#). Open to anyone, anywhere
- [DAAD scholarships 2019-2020](#). For individuals from eligible developing countries to undertake post-graduate study at German universities in development-related subjects. **Deadlines vary by course**
- [Kwerafund](#). Financing for African students to study for Bachelor's, Master's and PhD degrees at selected universities in Malawi. Potential applicants can show interest by email to: [student@kwerafund.com](mailto:student@kwerafund.com)
- [USAID online resilience training modules: Measurement, Livelihood Diversification and Sustainable Poverty Escapes](#)
- **(New)** [African ChangeMakers Fellowship Program 2019](#). Selects Africans between the ages of 25-40 years to train and empower them to change their communities positively. **Deadline: 30 December 2018**
- **(New)** [Free Data Science Module from WorldQuant University](#). Module begins on 21 January 2019. **Deadline: 31 December 2018**
- [Australia Awards – Africa](#). Scholarships for short-term fellowships in Africa and/or Australia. **Deadline: 15 January 2019**
- **(New)** [GWNET \(Global Women's Network for the Energy Transition\) Mentoring Programme 2/2019](#). **Deadline: 15 January 2019**
- **(New)** Opportunities at IPBES:
  - [Call for nomination of fellows for the development of scenarios on nature and its contributions to people](#). **Deadline: 15 January 2019**
  - [Call for nominations of experts – assessment of invasive alien species](#). **Deadline: 1 February 2019**
  - [Call for nominations of fellows for the assessment of invasive alien species](#). **Deadline: 15 February 2019**

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- PASET-RSIF Call for Applications for Universities in Sub-Saharan Africa to host PhD Scholarships, Research and Innovation in Applied Sciences, Engineering and Technology. **Deadline: 17 January 2019**
- **(New)** Free NASA webinars on Remote Sensing for Conservation & Biodiversity on 22nd and 24th January 2018. **Deadline: 22 January 2018**
- **(New)** Free AGORA (Access to Global Online Research in Agriculture) online course February 2019 Edition (in English, French and Spanish). The course lasts for two-weeks. **Registration deadline: 27 January 2019**
- **(New)** Call for applications from qualified graduate students to be part of a post-doctoral fellowship research team at Makerere University on integrated aquaculture systems in Uganda. **Deadline: 30 January 2019**
- **(New)** Open Call for Learning Research Fellows at CRI, Paris. Fellowships may be short-term (3-6 months) or up to 5 years. **Deadline: 30 January 2019, but the call for short-term fellowships remains open throughout the year**
- One Health Summer Institute 2019. A 4-week long, field-based experiential course to be held in Tanzania, 24 June 24 - 19 July 2019. **Deadline: 30 January 2018**
- Yale Young African Scholars Program. For secondary school students from all African countries. No tuition, meal, or lodging costs. Travel grants are also available. **Deadline: 6 February 2019**
- **(New)** Sentinel 2nd call for proposals: Doctoral research scholarships under the PhD Graduate Teaching Assistantships at RUFORUM member universities. **Deadline: 15 February 2018**
- Scholarships for International MSc Programs at Hebrew University of Jerusalem in Israel, 2019. **Deadline: 1 March 2019**
- Ghent University doctoral scholarships for candidates from developing countries. Students should carry out half of their research at Ghent University and half in a developing country. **Deadline: 4 March 2019**
- CAS-TWAS President's PhD Fellowship Programme. Up to 200 scholarships for non-Chinese citizens to study in China for doctoral degrees in various fields including agricultural sciences. **Deadline: 31 March 2019**
- 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 and Posters:

- **(RUFORUM call)** Call for manuscripts: African Journal of Rural Development. Regular articles, short communications and reviews accepted. **Deadline: Open**
- Call for abstracts for the 24th European Seminar on Extension (and) Education to be held in Acireale, Sicily, 18-21 June 2019. **Deadline: 20 December 2018**
- 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**
- **(New)** Call for abstracts for 10th GCHERA (Global Confederation of Higher Education Associations for Agricultural and Life Sciences) Conference, 24-26 April 2019, Romania. **Deadline: 2 January 2019**
- Call for papers for the conference on Pesticide Politics in Africa, 29 – 31 May 2019 in Arusha, Tanzania. Travel support available especially for African and early-career scholars. **Deadline: 5 January 2019**
- ANH Academy invites submission of abstracts for the Research Conference on research at the nexus of agriculture and food systems, nutrition and health to be held in India from 24-28 June 2019. **Deadline: 6 January 2019**
- Call for Contributions: UNSCN Nutrition - Edition 44. **Deadline: 10 January 2019**
- Call for abstracts for a workshop on "Livestock Systems in Urbanizing Environments: Impacts and Implications for Food Security in Developing Countries" in Uppsala, Sweden, 5-6 March 2019. Some funding available to support conference attendance. **Deadline: 15 January 2019**
- Call for abstracts for the 1st All Africa Congress on Synthetic Pesticides, Environment, Human and Animal Health, 18-20 June 2019, Nairobi. **Deadline: 20 January 2019**
- **(New)** Call for contributions for the 16th International Conference on Digital Preservation (iPRES2019), 16-20 September 2019 in Amsterdam. **Deadline: 18 March 2019**

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## WEBINARS AND E-DISCUSSIONS

- **(New)** [Data Science Central webinar: “Analyze data faster with an open source columnar database”](#), 20 December 2018
- **(New)** [Web Conference: Land degradation and restoration knowledge gaps & needs](#), 14 January - 4 February 2019

## JOBS

- **(New – RUFORUM vacancies)** [Vacancies at RUFORUM Secretariat](#):
  - [Manager, Program Results Measurement & Learning](#). **Deadline: 31 December 2018**
  - [Technical Specialist, Staff Development & Academic Mobility](#). **Deadline: 31 December 2018**
  - [Technical Specialist, Graduate Training \(RANCH – Regional Anchor Universities for Higher Agricultural Education\)](#). **Deadline: 20 January 2019**
  - [Deputy Executive Secretary, Planning, Resource Mobilization and Management](#). **Deadline: 15 February 2019**
- **(New)** [ILRI vacancy: Post-Doctoral Fellow -Farming Systems Analysis](#). **Deadline: 19 December 2018**
- [Vacancies at the Fiji National University](#): Lecturer positions in the areas of animal production (breeding and genetics), veterinary parasitology and veterinary microbiology. **Deadline: 21 December 2018**
- **(New)** [Director of Princeton Research Data Service – Princeton University](#)
- **(New)** [Research Associate \(PostDoc\) for the CESSDA Metadata Office at GESIS - Leibniz-Institute for the Social Sciences, Germany](#). **Deadline: 26 December 2018**
- **(New)** [FARA consultancy: Individual consultant to facilitate the conduct of capacity audits for scaling technologies of specific value chains in 10 selected African countries](#). **Deadline: 3 January 2019**

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