NEWS AND EVENTS

- RUFORUM announces a new Technical Committee
- RUFORUM Network Universities Improve in ranking among top 100 ranked African Universities in 2017-2018
- 65 staff and students trained in Scientific Data Management at Uganda Martyrs University
- A better model than the Africanised university
- Governing bodies need to understand universities better
- Event: 7th All Africa Conference on Animal Agriculture (AACAA), 15 – 19 October 2018, Accra

PUBLICATIONS

- Height – Diameter allometry in South Africa’s indigenous high forests: Assessing generic models performance and function forms (Mensah et al, 2018)
- Drivers of collective action and innovation adoption in successful poultry farmer groups in Wakiso District in Uganda (Sebuliba-Mutumba, Kibwika & Kyazze, 2018)
- Maize resistance to stem borers and storage pests: The need of new genetics and functional genomics approaches in future research (Badji et al, 2017)
- The contribution of university research to the achievement of sustainable development goals within the context of the East African Community Common Higher Education Area (Nkunya, 2017)
- Sustainable development: educating with purpose (International Sustainable Campus Network, 2018)

FEATURED VIDEO: The potential of bamboo leaves to be used as fodder for livestock in Ghana

OPPORTUNITIES

Grants and Awards:

- Erasmus+ call for proposals for capacity building in the field of higher education 2018. Deadline: 8 February 2018
- (New) Prize Digital for Development (D4D). For outstanding initiatives that use digitisation and (new) technologies as a lever to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals. Deadline: 21 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
- 2019 TWAS Prizes. Awards from The World Academy of Sciences to individual scientists from developing countries. Nomination deadline: 15 March 2018
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- **(New) GCHERA World Agriculture Prize 2018.** Two prizes will be awarded, with at least one awarded to a person from a country not listed as a country with a developed economy. **Deadline: 30 April 2018**

- **(New) The UNESCO-Japan Prize on Education for Sustainable Development (ESD).** Honours outstanding projects by individuals, institutions and organizations related to ESD. **Deadline: 3 May 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) 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**

- **Israel 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**

- **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

- **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 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
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- **Course on Entrepreneurship in emerging economies** offered by Wageningen University & Research. Worth two ECTS credits. **Deadline: 14 February 2018**
- **University of Antwerp Master’s Programmes in Development Studies 2018-2019**. Master Mind scholarship available for applicants from a number of African countries. **Deadline: 15 February 2018**
- **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**
- **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**
- **The 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**
- **(New) ICRA courses**: **Deadline for fellowship applications: 21 March 2018**
  - **Facing rural innovation challenges - Linking research to inclusive development for food security**. 24 September – 12 October 2018 in the Netherlands. [Apply here](#) and click [here](#) for scholarship information
  - **Learning, action research and outreach – Making higher education boost food security**. 29 October – 16 November 2018 in the Netherlands. [Apply here](#) and click [here](#) for scholarship information
  - **Building agribusiness relations for sustainable profit – Key skills for inclusive business brokerage**. 19 – 30 November 2018 in Uganda. [Apply here](#) and click [here](#) for scholarship information
- **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**


(New) Mwalimu Nyerere African Union Scholarship Scheme 2018. For female applicants only for masters and PhD programmes in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). **Deadline: 30 April 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 papers for the 4th Global African Swine Fever Research Alliance (GARA) Scientific Workshop, 11-13 April 2018, Cagliari – Sardinia. **Extended deadline: 15 February 2018**

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**

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**

(New) The International Food Policy Research Institute: Director - CGIAR Research Program - PIM. The position will be based in Washington, DC. **Deadline: Open until filled**


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

ILRI Consultancy- Economic assessment of substandard and counterfeit veterinary products in Kenya – Re-advertisement. **Deadline: 10 February 2018**

ILRI vacancy: Statistical Geneticist. **Deadline: 24 February 2018**


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