NEWS AND EVENTS

- RUFORUM awards 19 post-doctoral fellowships
- RUFORUM participates in the African Development Bank Third Africa Forum on Science, Technology, and Innovation (STI)
- Why we should train scholars to think across disciplines
- How are universities creating the leaders they need?
- Towards a national system of journal accreditation
- 9th All Africa University Games, 2-6 July 2018, Mekelle University, Ethiopia

PUBLICATIONS

- Uganda's rangeland policy: intentions, consequences and opportunities (Byakagaba et al, 2018)
- Smallholder dairy cattle feeding technologies and practices in Tanzania: failures, successes, challenges and prospects for sustainability (Maleko et al, 2018)
- Barriers to collective action and implications for promoting innovation among poultry farmer groups in sub counties of Wakiso district in Uganda (Sebuliba-Mutumba, Kibwika & Kyazze, 2017)
- Innovation opportunities in sweet potato production in Kenya (Makini et al, 2017)
- Africa beyond 2030: leveraging knowledge and innovation to secure Sustainable Development Goals (African Academy of Sciences, 2018)
- Advanced education and training programs to support renewable energy investment in Africa (Kimuli et al, 2017)

FEATURED VIDEO: Intercropping maize with pigeon peas

OPPORTUNITIES

Grants and Awards

- WARC Travel Grant for African scholars and researchers 2018. For West African nationals only. **Deadline:** 15 March 2018
- 2019 TWAS Prizes. Awards from The World Academy of Sciences to individual scientists from developing countries. **Nomination deadline:** 15 March 2018
- Big Data in Agriculture Blog Competition. **Deadline:** 30 March 2018
- Africa Evidence leadership Award 2018. **Deadline:** 1 April 2018
- BMCE Bank of Africa — African Entrepreneurship Award 2018. Submissions are invited from for-profit businesses managed by Africans who are at least 18 years old. **Deadline 30 April 2018**
- 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
- 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
- TWAS Research Grants Programme in Basic Sciences (Individuals). Awarded to promising high-level research projects in Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics and Physics carried out by individual scientists. **Deadline:** 11 May 2018
- TWAS Research Grants Programme in Basic Sciences (Groups). Awarded to promising high-level research projects in Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics and Physics carried out by research units. **Deadline:** 11 May 2018

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2018 BCFN YES! Research Grant Competition invites young PhD and postdoc researchers to submit a research project to improve the sustainability of the food system. **Deadline: 14 June 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)** Proposal Development Write-shop for submissions to the African Union Research Grants Call for Proposals 2018. The write-shop is organised on a cost-sharing basis. **Deadline: 30 March 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

- 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**

- **(New)** IMU/CDC Graduate Research Assistantships in Developing Countries (GRAID). Funding for students to pursue a Master’s or PhD degree in mathematics. **Deadline: 15 March 2018**

- 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**

- Fellowships for ICRA courses: **Deadline: 21 March 2018**
  - Facing rural innovation challenges - Linking research to inclusive development for food security. 24 Sep – 12 Oct 2018 in the Netherlands. Apply here and click here for scholarship information
  - Learning, action research and outreach – Making higher education boost food security. 29 Oct – 16 Nov 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 Nov 2018 in Uganda. Apply here and click here for scholarship information

- **(New)** UNU-WIDER Visiting PhD Fellowship. Opportunity for doctoral students to utilize the facilities at UNU-WIDER for their PhD dissertation or thesis research. **Deadline: 31 March and 30 September each year**

- **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**

- **Intra-Africa Academic Mobility Project**: Partnership for Training Scientist in Crop Improvement for Food Security in Africa (SCIFSA). Fellowships for PhD and MSc as well as short-term mobility for students and staff. **Deadline: 5 April 2018**

- Call for scholarships: **Intra-Africa Academic mobility Project - Regional Academic Exchange for Enhanced Skills in Fragile Ecosystems Management in Africa (REFORM)**. Fellowships for PhDs and MSc as well as short term mobility for students and staff. **Deadline: 7 April 2018**

- **IPBO/VIB-UGent center for Plant Systems Biology course on "Modern Breeding techniques of maize"**, 20 August – 7 September 2018. Scholarships available. **Deadline: 8 April 2018**

- MSc and PhD scholarships at the Centre of Excellence in Sustainable Agriculture and Agribusiness Management (CESAAM) hosted at Egerton University, Kenya. **Deadline: 30 April 2018**

- **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**

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- FAO e-learning courses on Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) indicators
- 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 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 Belfast Summit on Global Food Integrity, 28-31 May 2018. Partial/full travel grants available for food-security experts. Deadline: 9 March 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 abstracts for the 1st Africa Conference on Evidence to Action (E2A), 25 - 27 July 2018, Nairobi. 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
- Call for abstracts for the 8th Africa Nutritional Epidemiology Conference (ANEC VIII), 1-5 October 2018, Addis Ababa. Deadline: 30 June 2018

JOBS
- International Food Policy Research Institute: Director - CGIAR Research Program - PIM. The position will be based in Washington, DC. Deadline: Open until filled
- Head, Communications and Knowledge Management at ILRI. Deadline: Open until filled
- Research vacancies at International Centre for Biosaline Agriculture (ICBA), Dubai. Deadline: Open until filled
  - Senior Plant Breeder
  - Plant Physiologist
  - Scientist - Soil Management

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