# **RUFORUM Weekly**



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### **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**

- Ugandas 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 earlycareer 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:
- 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
- <u>Elsevier Publishing Campus</u>: free online training platform for researchers to improve their knowledge and skills in publishing academic research
- <u>Nestlé Foundation grants</u> 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**
- <u>Call for abstracts for Belfast Summit on Global Food Integrity, 28-31 May 2018</u>. Partial/full travel grants available for food-security experts. <u>Deadline: 9 March 2018</u>
- <u>Call for abstracts for the International APIMONDIA Symposium 2018 on the 'Role of Bees in Food Production'</u>,
  30 November 4 December 2018, Addis Ababa. **Deadline: 30 April 2018**
- <u>Call for abstracts for the 1st Africa Conference on Evidence to Action (E2A)</u>, 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
- <u>Call for abstracts for the 8th Africa Nutritional Epidemiology Conference (ANEC VIII)</u>, 1–5 October 2018, Addis Ababa. <u>Deadline</u>: 30 June 2018

### **JOBS**

- <u>International Food Policy Research Institute: Director CGIAR Research Program PIM.</u> 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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