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- [RUFORUM renews memorandum of understanding with Agrinatura](#)
- [Digital technologies can spur rural development](#)
- [Preparing for work in the potato sector: TAGDev students participate in field attachment at National Potato Council of Kenya](#)
- [Pioneer RUFORUM student, Prof Patience Mshenga, appointed to ASARECA Board](#)
- [\[Issue 44\] Media Monitoring: Extract of Press News on Higher Education in Africa](#)
- [Global recognition convention set for adoption this year](#)
- **Events:**
 - [AAU Conference of Rectors, Vice-Chancellors and Presidents and African Universities, 8-11 July 2019, Cairo](#)
 - [2nd All African Postharvest Congress and Exhibition, 17-20 September 2019, Addis Ababa](#)

PUBLICATIONS

- [Production and utilization of jackfruit \(*Artocarpus heterophyllus*\) in Uganda \(Balamaze et al, 2019\)](#)
- [Exploring consumer knowledge, understanding and use of food and nutrition label information in the Tamale metropolis of Ghana \(Aryee et al, 2019\)](#)
- [Wood utilization efficiency and acceptability of fried and smoked fish from Lake Malawi \(Makawa et al, 2019\)](#)
- [Digital skills in sub-Saharan Africa: spotlight on Ghana \(International Finance Corporation, 2019\)](#)
- [World Water Development Report 2019 - Leaving no one behind \(UNESCO, 2019\)](#)

FEATURED VIDEO: [RUFORUM Recognition Awards 2018](#)

OPPORTUNITIES

Grants and Awards:

- [Zayed Sustainability Prize 2020](#). Awarded across several categories: (i) Health; (ii) Food; (iii) Energy; (iv) Water; and (v) Global high schools. The prize winners will divide US\$3 million. **Deadline: 30 May 2019**
- [Islamic Development Bank Science, Technology and Innovation Transform Fund \(IsDB-STIF\)](#). Provides seed money for scientists, Innovators, Startups, SMEs, Private Firms, Governments & NGOs, and Academic or Research and Development Institutions in IsDB Member and non-member countries. **Deadline: 31 May 2019**
- [Third call for proposals of the Intra-Africa Academic Mobility Scheme funded by the EU](#). Will support student and staff mobility in master's and doctoral programmes in African countries. **Deadline: 12 June 2019**
- [Norman Borlaug Award for Field Research and Application](#). Recognizes science-based achievement in international agriculture and food production by an individual under 40. **Nomination deadline: 15 June 2019**
- **(New)** [CGIAR 2019 Inspire Challenge](#). Grants awards for innovative big data solutions that transform lives of smallholder farmers. **Deadline: 17 June 2019**
- **(New)** [WDS Data Stewardship Award 2019](#). Nominations may be made any scientific organization, group, body, union, or otherwise. **Deadline: 29 July 2019**

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- **(New)** FARA call for Funding Support for the establishment/reactivation of Innovation Platforms, Agribusinesses and other Multi-Stakeholder Platforms to Scale Agricultural Technologies in Africa. **Deadline: 30 June 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**
- 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:

- 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**
- OWSD PhD Fellowships for women scientists from science and technology lagging countries. Supports women scientists to undertake PhD research in at a host institute in the South. **Deadline: 30 May 2019**
- **(New)** CODATA International Training Workshop on Scientific Big Data and Machine Learning, 9-20 September 2019, Beijing. Full support available for travel, subsistence and accommodation. **Deadline: 30 May 2019**
- Call for application for MSc and PhD programmes at the Africa Center of Excellence for Water Management hosted by Addis Ababa University. Funding support available. **Deadline: 31 May 2019**
- Summer School on Global Challenges to Food Security hosted by University of London from 22 July to 9 August 2019. Scholarships available. **Deadline: 31 May 2019**
- IMU/TWAS Breakout Graduate Fellowships in Mathematics. Supports postgraduate studies, in a developing country, leading to a PhD degree in the mathematical sciences. **Deadline: 31 May 2018**
- **(New)** International DAAD Alumni seminar and Tropentag 2019, 10-21 September 2019, Germany. Travel grants available. **Deadline: 31 May 2019**
- Masters Studies in Renewable Energy, Electrical Power Systems and Energy Economics at the Africa Centre of Excellence in Energy for Sustainable Development (ACEESD), University of Rwanda. **Deadline: 8 June 2019**
- **(New)** Two Computer Science PhD fellowships at the Norwegian University of Science and Technology. The positions will do research on machine learning, data science, and artificial intelligence. **Deadline: 9 June 2019**
- MSc and PhD in Railway Engineering scholarships at the African Railway Center of Excellence (ARCE) hosted by Addis Ababa University. **Deadline: 14 June 2019**
- New MSc in Food Security Policy and Management at University College Cork, Ireland. Full scholarships available for students from developing countries. Queries should be addressed to Dr Nick Chisholm at n.chisholm@ucc.ie. **Deadline: 15 June 2019**
- IUCEA-World Bank Masters Fellowships 2019. Fully funded mobility scholarships for young African female students in the following disciplines: (i) STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) or Industry (ii) Agriculture (iii) Health (iv) Education and (v) Applied Statistics. **Deadline: 30 June 2019**
- **(New)** Research Training Fellowship for Developing Country Scientists (RTF-DCS). 6 month fellowships from the Government of India for research in various disciplines including agricultural sciences. **Deadline: 30 September 2019**
- LHMENA call for Young Scientists Mobility Grants with MENA Countries. Applicants must hold a Bachelor or Master's degree and have not more than 6 years professional research experience. Priority countries include Egypt, Morocco and Tunisia. **Deadline: 31 December 2019**
- Open Call for Learning Research Fellows at CRI, Paris. **Call for short-term fellowships remains open throughout the year**
- 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**

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Free online courses:

- **(New)** [FAO e-learning course on “Sustainable Land Management and Land Restoration”](#). Self-paced course
- The GODAN Action Network online course on [‘Open Data Management in Agriculture and Nutrition’](#)
- [MOOC on Geographical Information Systems – Part 1](#). Based on the use of open source solutions.
- [FAO e-learning courses](#). Cover diverse topics in the areas of food and nutrition security, social and economic development, sustainable management of natural resources, communication and information management
- [e-learning courses on agricultural practices and compliance of production for export](#) on the Europe-Africa-Caribbean-Pacific Liaison Committee (COLEACP) Platform
- [Course on Artificial Intelligence from University of Helsinki](#). Open to anyone, anywhere
- [Open Science MOOC](#). A self-paced course from Eliademy
- [USAID online resilience training modules: Measurement, livelihood diversification and sustainable poverty escapes](#)
- **(New)** [FOSTER Open Science training courses](#)

Calls for Papers and Posters:

- **(RUFORUM call)** [Call for manuscripts: African Journal of Rural Development](#). Regular articles, short communications and reviews accepted. **Deadline: Open**
- **(New)** [Call for papers for the 3rd Symposium on Climate Change Adaptation in Africa, 23-24 January 2020 in Nairobi](#). **Deadline: 30 May 2019**
- **(New)** [Call for abstracts for the Sustainable Intensification Conference: Levers for agroecological transition of production systems in Sub-Saharan Africa, 8-10 October 2019 in Dakar](#). **Deadline: 31 May 2019**
- **(New)** [Call for abstracts for the 3rd Regional Centre for Mapping of Resources for Development \(RCMRD\) International Conference 2019/4th Afrigeoss Symposium, 13-16 August 2019 in Nairobi](#). Authors of accepted abstracts will be funded
- **(New)** [Call for papers for the 8th African Grain Trade Summit, 3-5 October 2019, Mombasa, Kenya](#). **Deadline: 7 June 2019**
- **(New)** [Call for contributions for OASPA 2019 Conference on Open Access Scholarly Publishing, 24-26 September 2019, Copenhagen](#). **Deadline: 12 June 2019**
- **(New)** [Call for presentations and posters for CODATA 2019 Beijing: Towards next-generation data-driven science: policies, practices and platforms, 19-20 September in Beijing](#). **Deadline: 24 June 2019**
- [International Higher Education invites contributions from masters and doctoral students and postdocs to an essay contest on “Unprecedented Challenges, Significant Possibilities”, key challenges and opportunities for international higher education in the coming decade and beyond](#). **Deadline: 15 August 2019**
- **(New)** [Journal of Scientometric Research Special issue on Quantitative, Network-theoretic and Altmetric Analysis of Scholarly Big Data](#). **Deadline: 31 August 2019**
- **(New)** [PLOS ONE and PLOS Biology call for papers on the theme “Future Crops”](#). Submissions should focus on resilient, climate-smart crops and cropping systems for the 21st century. **Deadline: 13 September 2019**
- [Call for poster abstracts for the Twenty-First International Conference on Grey Literature: Open Science Encompasses New Forms of Grey Literature, 22-23 October 2019 in Hannover, Germany](#). **Deadline: 20 September 2019**
- [Second call for papers and posters for the Joint XXIV International Grassland & XI International Rangeland Congress 2020, 25-30 October 2020 in Nairobi](#). **Deadline: 15 November 2019**

WEBINARS AND E-DISCUSSIONS

- **(New)** GCRF-AFRICAP Webinars:
 - [Driving transformational change in agri-food systems: a multi-stakeholder approach, 29 May 2019](#)
 - [Climate-Smart Change? Lessons from working with governments, NGOs and farmers on scaling up productive, resilient and low-emission agriculture in Africa under CCAFS, 17 June 2019](#)

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- **(New)** Agrilinks Webinar: [Geo-referenced data to inform earth observations modeling for agriculture: a discussion among collectors, users, and aggregators, 29 May 2019](#)
- **(New)** Feed the Future Webinar: [Rainfall, greenness, and temperature indicators in Feed the Future: what they are and how to use them, 30 May 2019](#)
- **(New)** GODAN Webinar: [Space for agriculture in developing countries, 6 June 2019](#)

JOBS

- [Programme Officer Regional Land Network at t. Deadline: 3 June 2019](#)
- [The PASET Regional Scholarship and Innovation Fund \(RSIF\) is seeking international experts to review RSIF applications for African Host Universities, PhD scholarships, Research Grants & Innovation Grants. All applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis](#)

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