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- [Determinants of adoption and use-intensity of soil and water conservation practices among smallholder farmers in Nigeria \(Olawuyi & Mushunje, 2019\)](#)
- [The skills balancing act in sub-Saharan Africa: investing in skills for productivity, inclusivity, and adaptability \(Arias, Evans & Santos, 2019\)](#)
- [Creating decent jobs: strategies, policies, and instruments \(African Development Bank, 2019\)](#)
- [The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World 2019 \(FAO, 2019\)](#)

**FEATURED VIDEO:** [Deworming goats and sheep with herbal medicines](#)

## OPPORTUNITIES

### Grants and Awards:

- **(New – RUFORUM award)** [2019 RUFORUM Young African Entrepreneurs Competition \(West Africa edition\)](#). Only applicants from the following countries are eligible: Benin, Burkina Faso, Cabo Verde, Côte d'Ivoire, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, and Togo. **Deadline: 30 September 2019**
- **(New)** [Biodiversity Next Conference Participation Grant](#). To support participation from Africa at the first Biodiversity Next Conference on bio- and geodiversity data in Leiden, the Netherlands from October 22-25, 2019. **Deadline: 24 July 2019**
- **(New)** [UNFCCC — Global Youth Video Competition on Climate Change](#). Youth aged 18-30 are invited to submit videos about projects or campaigns that showcase actions on climate change. **Deadline: 28 July 2019**
- [WDS Data Stewardship Award 2019](#). Nominations may be made any scientific organization, group, body, union, or otherwise. **Deadline: 29 July 2019**
- [Obada Prize](#). Three prizes supported by African Academy of Sciences (North Africa Branch) that recognizes and encourages innovative and interdisciplinary research that cuts across traditional boundaries and paradigms.
- **(New)** [Borlaug-Adesina Fellowship](#). A year-long fellowship for outstanding African youth between the ages of 21 and 30 years at any of the International Agricultural Research Centers around the world, or with a select global food and agribusiness companies. **Deadline: 31 July 2019**

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- **(New)** [Westerwelle Young Founders Programme](#). A fully funded 6-month-long programme for outstanding young entrepreneurs from emerging and developing countries. **Deadline: 31 July 2019**
- TWAS prizes:
  - [2019 TWAS-Abdool Karim Prize](#). To honour women scientists in low income African countries for their achievements in Biological Sciences. **Deadline: 31 July 2019**
  - [2019 TWAS-Fayzah M. Al-Kharafi Prize](#). Recognizes women scientists from scientifically and technologically lagging countries in the field of Social Sciences. **Deadline: 31 July 2019**
  - [2019 TWAS Samira Omar Innovation for Sustainability Prize](#). For women scientists from least developed countries based on scientific achievements in any of selected thematic areas including sustainable agriculture. **Deadline: 31 July 2019**
  - [TWAS Regional Prize 2019 for Development of Scientific Educational Material](#). The ideal candidate must have achieved scientific research of significance for the development of scientific thought and/or contribution to the application of Science and Technology to industry or to human well-being in a developing country. **Deadline: 25 August 2019**
  - **(New)** [IsDB-TWAS Postdoctoral Fellowship Programme](#). To support research by early-career researchers from 21 Least Developed Member Countries of the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) related to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. **Deadline: 12 September 2019**
  - [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**
- [IDRC call for proposals: Breaking systemic barriers to women's participation in science](#). Open to research institutions, consortia, or non-governmental organizations. **Deadline: 15 August 2019**
- **(New)** [Thomson Foundation Young Journalist Award](#). For journalists aged 30 and under, from countries with a Gross National Income (GNI) per capita of less than \$20,000. **Deadline: 16 August 2019**
- **(New)** [Swedish International Agriculture Network Initiative \(SIANI\) call for expert groups](#). Supports dialogues on emerging issues contributing to ending hunger, achieving food security and improved nutrition, and promoting sustainable agriculture. **Deadline: 16 August 2019**
- **(New)** [OWSD - Elsevier Foundation Awards for Early-Career Women Scientists in the Developing World](#). The 2020 awards will be for early-career women in the fields of Engineering and Technology. **Deadline: 29 August 2019**
- [GAFSP call for proposals for programs and projects that strengthen agriculture and lessen food insecurity in fragile and conflict-affected countries](#). **Deadline: 10 September 2019**
- **(New)** [African Union Kwame Nkrumah Awards for Scientific Excellence \(AUKNASE\) 2019](#). For top African scientists at national, regional and continental levels. **Deadline: 10 November 2019**
- **(New)** [Rolex Awards for Enterprise](#). Open to anyone over 18 years of age, of any nationality, whose project is helping to expand knowledge of the world and improve the quality of life on the planet. **Deadline: 15 April 2020**
- [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:

- [University of Queensland Grant-aligned Priority PhD Scholarships](#). Scholarships to support living costs of PhD students with research projects aligned to selected research grants. International students are also eligible.
- **(New)** [Rhodes University Postdoctoral Research Fellowships 2020](#). Applicants must hold a doctoral degree awarded within the last five years or submitted their PhD thesis by the end of 2019. **Deadline: 31 July 2019**
- [Call for applications for the PhD in Plant Breeding at the West Africa Centre for Crop Improvement \(WACCI\), University of Ghana](#). Limited scholarships may be available. **Deadline: 31 July 2019**
- TWAS opportunities:
  - [TWAS-NRF Doctoral Programme](#). Doctoral fellowships for scientists from developing countries to pursue research in the natural sciences at research institutions in South Africa for a maximum of three years. **Deadline: 31 July 2019**
  - [TWAS Young Affiliates 2019](#). TWAS Regional Partners will each select up to five scientists to be Young Affiliates for a period of five years. Nominated scientists must have PhD, be aged 40 or less on 1st January of the year in which they are selected. **Deadline: 31 July 2019**



- **(New)** [TWAS Visiting Expert Programme](#). 2-4 week programme for institutions and research groups in developing countries to establish long-term links with world leaders in areas of science other than mathematics and physics. **Deadline: 1 October 2019**
- **(New)** [TWAS Fellowships for Research and Advanced Training](#). For young scientists in developing countries to spend three to 12 months at a research institution in a developing country other than their own. **Deadline: 1 October 2019**
- [Rhodes Scholarship 2020](#). Supports exceptional young people for postgraduate study at the University of Oxford. **Deadline: Varies by region**
- [Adelaide Scholarships International](#). Scholarships from the University of Adelaide to outstanding international graduates from any country to undertake a masters or doctoral degree by research. **Deadline: 31 July 2019**
- **(New)** [EAC Scholarship Programme](#). Call for applications for students in the East African Community to pursue KFW funded masters scholarships in selected fields. **Deadline: 1 August 2019**
- **(New)** [Flinders University: Australian Government Research Training Program Scholarships \(International\)](#). Supports international students to undertake a master's or doctorate degree by research at Flinders University, Australia. **Deadline: 9 August 2019**
- **(New)** [The application of molecular diagnostics for plant virus surveillance](#). 5-day introductory course on vector and virus diagnostics course to be held in Ibadan, Nigeria, 4-8 November 2019. Full funding available. **Deadline: 18 August 2019**
- **(New)** [McKenzie Postdoctoral Fellowships Programme at the University of Melbourne](#). Applicants must have been awarded a PhD from a university other than the University of Melbourne between 1 January 2017 and 20 August 2019. **Deadline: 20 August 2019**
- **(New)** [Postgraduate research scholarships at the University of Western Australia](#). Students can apply for research scholarships to undertake postgraduate study in all disciplines across the University. **Deadline: 30 August 2019**
- **(New)** [M.Phil with specialisation in Science and Public Engagement at Stellenbosch University](#). Limited scholarships available. **Deadline: 31 August 2019** (non-South African citizens) and **30 September 2019** (South African citizens)
- **(New)** [ETH Zurich Postdoctoral Fellowships](#). Applicants must hold a doctorate or will complete their doctorate within the next six months at the time of the submission deadline. **Deadline: 1 September 2019**
- [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**
- **(New)** [UNESCO/Japan Young Researchers' Fellowship Programme](#). 3-9 month research fellowships in four areas including environment and ICTs. Candidates must already hold a master's degree. **Deadline: 29 November 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**
- [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**
- [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
- [GODAN free online course on 'Open Data Management in Agriculture and Nutrition'](#)
- [FOSTER Open Science training courses](#)

## Calls for Papers and Posters:

- **(New – RUFORUM call)** [Call for extended abstracts for RUFORUM 15th Annual General Meeting](#), 2-6 December 2019 in Cape Coast, Ghana. **Deadline: 30 September 2019**
- **(RUFORUM call)** [Call for manuscripts: African Journal of Rural Development](#). Regular articles, short communications and reviews accepted. **Deadline: Open**
- [East African Journal of Science Technology and Innovation first call for papers for publication](#). Thematic areas of interest include: agriculture, natural resources management, infrastructure, energy, ICT and STEM
- [Call for abstracts for the First Regional Water Productivity in Agriculture Conference](#), 4-6 December 2019 in Hammamet, Tunisia. **Deadline: 30 July 2019**
- [Call for submission of original research/review papers for a forthcoming special issue of DESIDOC Journal of Library & Information Technology on data management](#)

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- [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**
- [Call for abstracts for the UbuntuNet-Connect 2019 conference, 31 October – 1 November 2019, Antananarivo on the theme, “NRENs: Facilitating Research and Education Collaboration in the Digital Space.”](#) **Deadline: 23 August 2019**
- [Call for abstracts for the “X International Congress on Cactus Pear and Cochineal”, 14-19 September 2020 in Tunis.](#) **Deadline: 31 August 2019**
- [Journal of Scientometric Research Special issue on Quantitative, Network-theoretic and Altmetric Analysis of Scholarly Big Data.](#) **Deadline: 31 August 2019**
- **(New)** [Call for presentations and posters for the CODATA-Helsinki 2019 Workshop on FAIR research data management in Institutions, 20-21 October 2019 in Helsinki.](#) **Deadline: 6 September 2019**
- [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

- **(New)** [OASPA Webinar: “How should Scholarly Societies transition to Open Access?”, 23 July 2019](#)

## JOBS

- **(New – RUFORUM vacancy)** [Technical Specialist, Knowledge Management at the RUFORUM Secretariat.](#) **Deadline: 31 August 2019**
- **(New)** [African Agricultural Technology Foundation \(AATF\) consultancy: Market study for NEWEST Rice Project in Nigeria, Ghana and Uganda.](#) **Deadline: 26 July 2019**

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