

## NEWS & EVENTS

- [Thirty nine RUFORUM Network universities ranked among top 100 universities in Africa in 2019](#)
- [Gulu University students support refugees in farm based micro-enterprises in West Nile, Uganda](#)
- [Bridging the gap of research findings in university libraries with the research beneficiaries in the community](#)
- [Knowledge gap leads to low participation of pig farmers in artificial insemination in Northern Uganda](#)
- **Survey:** [Achieving food and nutrition security, reducing inequality, and preserving terrestrial ecosystems: 100 critical research questions for decision makers in sub-Saharan Africa](#)
- **Events**
  - [World Food Day “Circular Economy for Food Security”, 16 October 2019, Des Moines](#)
  - [EU-North-African Conference on Organic Agriculture, 11-12 November 2019, Marrakech](#)
  - [The Innov8agric challenge to support African agripreneurs, 27 - 28 November 2019, Dubai](#)

## PUBLICATIONS

- [Voices from the field: enhancing potato and cassava value chains performance \(RUFORUM, 2019\)](#)
- [First 1000 Days: evidence of efforts to ensure the African Journal of Rural Development thrives \(Nampala, 2019\)](#)
- [Genetic resistance to adzuki bean bruchid \(\*Callosobruchus chinensis\*\) in soybean \(Msiska, 2019\)](#)
- [Prevalence and contamination levels of aflatoxins in dairy cattle feeds from five milk bulking groups in Malawi \(Nkosi, Safalaoh & Mtegha, 2019\)](#)
- [Progress and future prospects in groundnut improvement to feed Africa in the face of technological advancements \(Mwololo, Okori & Odong, 2019\)](#)
- [Genetic variability for malting quality, yield and yield related traits of Ethiopian sorghum \[\*Sorghum bicolor\* \(L.\) Moench\] genotypes \(Gobezayohu et al, 2019\)](#)
- [Climate change and land: an IPCC special report on climate change, desertification, land degradation, sustainable land management, food security, and greenhouse gas fluxes in terrestrial ecosystems \(IPCC, 2019\)](#)

**FEATURED VIDEO:** [Morocco: Recognizing the importance of insects](#)

## OPPORTUNITIES

### Grants and Awards:

- **(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)** [Entrepreneurs for Resilience Award 2020](#). The 2020 award will focus on innovative solutions for climate-smart agriculture. Top three finalists to share USD 700,000 prize money. **Deadline: 16 September 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.
- TWAS prizes:
  - [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**
  - [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**

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- [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**
- [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**
- [2019 call for nominations for AGNES grants for junior researchers](#). The nominee must be a national of a sub-Saharan African country interested to carry out a post-doctoral scientific research project in Germany. **Deadline: 12 September 2019**
- [2nd MeerWissen call for concepts](#). Seeks to support projects that contribute to strengthening marine biodiversity conservation in sustainable blue economy approaches in Africa. **Deadline: 15 September 2019**
- **(New)** [IFAD call for proposals to identify the recipient of a three-year grant to implement a project to support family farming, regional markets and cross border trade corridors \(FARM-TRAC\) in the Sahel](#). **Deadline: 16 September 2019**
- [IDRC call for proposals: Strengthening education systems with proven innovations in developing contexts](#). **Deadline: 1 October 2019**
- **(New)** [IFPRI's My Food, Our Future Video Contest](#). **Deadline: 1 October 2019**
- **(New)** [Bridge Spark Fund call for pre-proposals](#). US\$150,000 awards to advance solutions to environmental, global food system and waste management challenges. Non-profit organizations, institutions of higher education and government agencies eligible. **Deadline: 4 October 2019**
- [African Union Kwame Nkrumah Awards for Scientific Excellence \(AUKNASE\) 2019](#). For top African scientists at national, regional and continental levels. **Deadline: 10 November 2019**
- [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](#). Support living costs of PhD students with research projects aligned to selected research grants. International students are also eligible.
- [Rhodes Scholarship 2020](#). Supports exceptional young people for postgraduate study at the University of Oxford. **Deadline: Varies by region**
- [Call for application for Master of Science in One Health Molecular Biology for the academic year 2019/2020 at the SACIDS-Africa Centre of Excellence for Infectious Diseases of Humans and Animals hosted by Sokoine University](#). Scholarships available. **Deadline: 30 August 2019**
- [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**
- [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)
- [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**
- [5th edition of Science by Women Program - Call for applications for visiting senior research fellowships in Spanish centers of excellence](#). Six-month fellowships for African women researchers and scientists with at least 3 years of post-doctoral experience in fields including agriculture and food security. **Deadline: 30 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**
- TWAS opportunities:
  - [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**
  - [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**
- **(New)** [Iso Lomso Fellowships 2019](#). Three year attachment to the Stellenbosch Institute for Advanced Study (STIAS) for early career African researchers who have completed their doctoral studies. **Deadline: 15 October 2019**

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- [Chulabhorn Graduate Institute \(Thailand\) Post-graduate Scholarship Program for Non-ASEAN international applicants](#). For master's degrees in Applied Biological Sciences: Environmental Health, Environmental Toxicology, and Chemical Sciences. **Deadline: 30 October 2019**
- [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's 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 master's 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](#)
- **(New)** [Free software, teaching and research resources from GeoForAll](#)

## Calls for Papers and Posters:

- **(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 submission of original research/review papers for a forthcoming special issue of DESIDOC Journal of Library & Information Technology on data management](#)
- [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 proposals for presentations and posters that present innovative discussions of visualizations at the VizAfrica 2019 Data Visualization Symposium, 18-19 November 2019 in Gaborone](#). **Deadline: 2 September 2019**
- [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**
- **(New)** [Call for papers for the EU-North-African Conference on Organic Agriculture](#), 11-12 November 2019 in Marrakech, Morocco. **Deadline: 15 September 2019**
- [Call for papers for the Conference on Climate Change and Food Security in West Africa](#), 18-19 November 2019 in Dakar. **Deadline: 15 September 2019**
- [Call for abstracts for the Global Forum on Innovations for Marginal Environments](#), 20-21 November 2019 in Dubai. **Deadline: 15 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**
- [Call for abstracts for the 1st Edition of the International Conference on Food, Nutrition Security and Sustainable Agriculture \(FNSSA\)](#), 1-3 December 2019 in Cairo. **Deadline: 30 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)** [Hort4Dev Webinar: How to host an effective agricultural extension workshop, 29 August 2019](#)
- **(New)** [WISER Webinar: Ten principles for good co-production in African weather and climate services, 4 September 2019](#)
- **(New)** [Agrilinks Webinar: Strengthening private sector extension and advisory services, 11 September 2019](#)

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## JOBS

- **RUFORUM vacancies:**
  - [Technical Specialist, Knowledge Management](#). **Deadline: 31 August 2019**
  - **(Re-advertised)** [Technical Specialist, Research and Development](#). **Deadline: 30 October 2019**
- [Full Professor for Development Research at the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna \(BOKU\)](#). **Deadline: 30 September 2019**
- **(New)** [26 vacancies at the Natural Resources Institute \(NRI\) of University of Greenwich under the Food and Nutrition Security Initiative \(FaNSI\)](#). Various positions for professors, fellows and professional services. **Deadlines vary**

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