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- [University of Cape Coast PhD student uses drone technology to improve livelihoods of smallholder farmers](#)
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- [Perceived effects of elephants \(\*Loxodonta africana\* Cuvier\) presence and impacts on ecosystem services supply in the Pendjari Biosphere Reserve, West Africa \(Gnonlonfoun et al, 2018\)](#)
- [Assessing potential of Uganda's water hyacinth for biogas production \(Edimu et al, 2018\)](#)
- [Smartphone application to aid farmers on expected rainfall onset dates and associated seasonal risks of dry spells \(Kibii & Chessum, 2018\)](#)
- [Biochemical and morphological roles of allelopathic crops in integrated weed management: a review \(Rugare, Pieterse & Mabasa, 2018\)](#)
- [Risk characterization and quantification of mycotoxins and their producing fungi in sugarcane juice: a neglected problem in a widely-consumed traditional beverage \(Abdallah et al., 2019\)](#)
- [Guide to the agricultural scalability assessment tool for assessing and improving the scaling of agricultural technologies \(Kohl & Foy, 2018\)](#)
- [Are African rural youth innovative? Claims, evidence and implications \(Sumberg & Hunt, 2019\)](#)

**FEATURED VIDEO:** [Africa Food Prize 2019 Laureates](#)

## 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 – RUFORUM Award)** [Call for RUFORUM Young Scientists Award](#). For individuals from a Ghanaian university/research institution who have completed at least MPhil/PhD or equivalent degree. **Deadline: 30 September**
- [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.
- [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**

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- [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**
- TWAS prizes:
  - [IsDB-TWAS Postdoctoral Fellowship Programme](#). To support research by early-career researchers from 21 Least Developed Member Countries of the Islamic Development Bank 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**
- [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**
- [VALUE4HER innovation grant](#) from the Technical Centre for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation (CTA). Open to women-led agribusinesses incorporated in an African country that have been in existence for at least three years. **Deadline: 15 September 2019**
- [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**
- [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**
- [IDRC call for proposals: Strengthening education systems with proven innovations in developing contexts](#). **Deadline: 1 October 2019**
- [IFPRI's My Food, Our Future Video Contest](#). **Deadline: 1 October 2019**
- [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**
- [BMEL-Call for proposals for "Food environments for improved nutrition"](#). Consortia should consist of at least one German research institution and one research institution from Sub-Saharan Africa. **Deadline: 15 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**
- [Free online course from SLU and Future Learn on "Effective Livestock Production with Low use of Antibiotics"](#). Started on 26 August 2019 and runs for 4 weeks. Interested participants can join at any point until it ends
- [European Commission — Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual Fellowships](#). Applicants need a doctoral degree or at least four years' full-time research experience. All research areas can be funded. **Deadline: 11 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**
- [M.Phil with specialisation in Science and Public Engagement at Stellenbosch University](#). Limited scholarships available. **Deadline: 30 September 2019 for South African citizens**. Closed for non-South African citizens.
- [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**

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- [Ignite 2019](#). An Agribusiness programme for young women in Africa that nurtures profitable and sustainable Agribusinesses. **Training starts in October 2019**
- [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**
- **(New)** [Landscape Governance course at Wageningen University and Research](#), 30 March – 10 April 2020 in Wageningen, Netherlands. **Deadline for OKP/MSP scholarships: 15 October 2019**
- **(New)** [COTRA Second call for Intra-Africa mobility scholarships for MSc and PhD studies](#) in the thematic areas of Fisheries Management, Aquaculture, Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences, Ichthyology, Zoology and Biology. **Deadline: 19 October 2019**
- [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**
- [Chevening Scholarships for International Students](#). Fully-funded scholarships to undertake eligible master's courses at any UK university. **Deadline: 5 November 2019**
- [Chevening Fellowships 2020/2021](#). For mid-career professionals who want to increase their knowledge, networks, and potential through tailored short courses, research, or professional placements at UK institutions. **Deadlines: Varied**
- [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
- [FOSTER Open Science training courses](#)
- [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 papers for the special issue of the African Journal for Rural Development on "Advances in Crop Improvement in Africa"](#). **Deadline: 31 October 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](#)
- [MOOC on 'Delivering Research Data Management Services'](#). **Course started on 2 September 2019, but will remain open for 7 weeks**
- **(New)** [Call for papers for the 11th Annual European Data Documentation Initiative \(DDI\) User Conference](#), 3-4 December in Tampere, Finland. **Deadline: 8 September 2019**
- [Free INASP online course on 'Research Writing in the Sciences'](#). **Course runs from 9 September to 21 October 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 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**

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- [Call for abstracts for the Global Forum on Innovations for Marginal Environments](#), 20-21 November 2019 in Dubai. **Deadline: 15 September 2019**
- [Call for papers for 4th International Conference on Global Food Security Achieving local and global food security: at what costs?](#), 16-19 June 2020 in Montpellier, France. **Deadline: 20 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**
- **(New)** [Call for papers, posters and presentations for the 9<sup>th</sup> International Platform on Integrating Arab e-infrastructure in a Global Environment \(e-AGE19\)](#), 11-12 December 2019 in Abu Dhabi. **Deadline: 1 October 2019** for papers and **15 October 2019** for posters and presentations
- [Call for book chapter proposal on supermarkets in Africa](#). **Deadline: 3 October 2019**
- **(New)** [Call for abstracts for IFAMA \(International Food and Agribusiness Management Association\) 2020 Conference](#), 15-18 June 2020 in Rotterdam, Netherlands. **Deadline: 15 October 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**
- [Integrated Pest Management and Pesticide Safety online training course](#). Free, open-access, certificate-based online course offered by Feed the Future's Innovation Lab for Soybean Value Chain Research
- **(New)** [UNU-WIDER Massive Open Online Course on Industrial Policy in the 21st Century – the Challenge for Africa](#). Four-week course **beginning on 9 September 2019**

## WEBINARS AND E\_DISCUSSIONS

- [Agrilinks Webinar: "Strengthening private sector extension and advisory services"](#), 11 September 2019
- **(New)** [Africa Lead Webinar: "Youth & CAADP: The Next Generation of Food Security Leaders."](#) 12 September 2019

## JOBS

- **(RUFORUM vacancy)** [Technical Specialist, Research and Development](#). **Deadline: 30 October 2019**
- **(New)** [Consultancy for marketing, communications, branding and outreach for the Regional Scholarship and Innovation Fund \(RSIF\), icipe](#). **Deadline: 13 September 2019**
- [Full Professor for Development Research at the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna \(BOKU\)](#). **Deadline: 30 September 2019**
- [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**
- [Plant Breeder at FiBL Europe](#). The position will be based in Brussels. **Deadline: September 2019**
- [ILRI vacancies](#). Both positions will be based in Nairobi:
  - [Policy and Stakeholder Engagement Advisor](#). **Deadline: 26 September 2019**
  - [Digital Media and Content Specialist at the International Livestock Research Institute \(ILRI\)](#). The position will be based in Nairobi. **Deadline: 27 September 2019**
- [FAO Internship Programme](#). Candidates must be nationals of FAO member nations, aged 21- 30 and enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate degree programme or recent graduates

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