

NEWS & EVENTS

- Media monitoring: Extract of press news on higher education in Africa: [Issue 31](#) and [Issue 32](#)
- [MOOCs fail in their mission to disrupt higher education](#)
- [In age of artificial intelligence, universities will need to rethink their purpose](#)
- [Can widening access to university bring social change?](#)
- **Event:** [West and Central African Research and Education Network \(WACREN\) Conference, 14-15 March 2019 in Accra](#)

PUBLICATIONS

- [Spatial quantification of community resilience in contexts where quantitative data are scarce: the case of Muzarabani District in Zimbabwe](#) (Mavhura & Manyena, 2018)
- [Understanding the engagement of policymakers in the success or failure of agricultural innovation processes: lessons from Africa countries](#) (Kouévi & Fatunbi, 2019)
- [Assessment of the Tunisian olive oil value chain in the international markets: constraints and opportunities](#) (Mariem et al, 2019)
- [Evaluation of modern agricultural technologies adoption and impact of adoption on productivity](#) (Yimer, Abay & Degu, 2019)
- [E-agriculture in action: blockchain for agriculture](#) (Sylvester, 2019)
- [Opportunities for future research and innovation on food and nutrition security and agriculture: the InterAcademy Partnership's global perspective](#) (InterAcademy Partnership, 2018)

FEATURED VIDEO: [Grafting mango seedlings](#)

OPPORTUNITIES

Grants and Awards:

- [2019 Call for proposals: Erasmus+ programme of the European Union](#). Deadlines vary per action.
 - Mobility of individuals in the field of higher education: **5 February 2019**
 - Mobility of individuals in VET, school education and adult education fields: **5 February 2019**
 - Capacity building in the field of higher education: **7 February 2019**
 - Strategic partnerships in the field of education and training: **21 March 2019**
- [Call for proposals for the Climate Research for Development \(CR4D\) Fellowship](#) Funding available to a maximum of US\$ 130,000 for a duration up-to 12 months, with an expected start date in May 2019. **Deadline: 10 February 2019**
- [Liz Hughes Award for Her Farm Radio](#). Award for a programme that has addressed or advanced gender equality for rural women. Any African radio station is eligible to apply. **Deadline: 17 February 2019**
- **(New)** [Wehubit call for proposals to increase Climate Smart Agriculture by way of digital solutions](#). Applicants can apply for between 50,000 and 350,000 EUR. **Deadline: 21 February 2019**
- [Call for expression of interest: OR Tambo Africa Research Chairs Initiative](#). Research Chairs shall be held by an African research-intensive public university. **Deadline: 21 February 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**

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- [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**
- TWAS grants:
 - **(New)** [TWAS Research Grants Programme in Basic Sciences \(Individuals\)](#). For research projects in Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics and Physics carried out by individual scientists under 45. **Deadline: 22 April 2019**
 - **(New)** [TWAS Research Grants Programme in Basic Sciences \(Groups\)](#). For research projects in Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics and Physics carried out by research units. **Deadline: 22 April 2019**
- **(New)** [FFAR seeks nominations for 2019 New Innovator in Food and Agriculture Research Award](#). Up to 10 awards will be given and each awardee may receive up to \$600,000 over three years. **Deadline: 28 February 2019**
- [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:

- **(RUFORUM call)** [Sentinel 2nd call for proposals: Doctoral research scholarships under the PhD Graduate Teaching Assistantships at RUFORUM member universities](#). **Deadline: 15 February 2019**
- **(RUFORUM call)** [MCF@RUFORUM scholarships 2019](#). For African students to study selected undergraduate and postgraduate courses at Gulu University or Egerton University. **Deadline: 31 March 2019**
- **(RUFORUM call)** [PhD training opportunities under the RUFORUM Graduate Teaching Assistantship Programme](#). **Applications will be accepted throughout the year**
- [FAO e-learning courses](#)
- [Free e-learning courses on agricultural practices and compliance of production for export on the Europe-Africa-Caribbean-Pacific Liaison Committee \(COLEACP\) Platform](#)
- [Free online course on Artificial Intelligence from University of Helsinki](#). Open to anyone, anywhere
- **(New)** [Open Science MOOC](#). A free self-paced course from Eliademy
- [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**
- [USAID online resilience training modules: Measurement, livelihood diversification and sustainable poverty escapes](#)
- [Open call for Learning Research Fellows at CRI, Paris](#). **Call for short-term fellowships remains open throughout the year**
- [IPBES call for nominations of fellows for the assessment of invasive alien species](#). **Deadline: 15 February 2019**
- [CIFAR Azrieli Global Scholars 2019](#). Applicants must hold a PhD (or equivalent) and be within the first five years of a full-time academic position. **Deadline: 5 February 2019**
- [Yale Young African Scholars Program](#). For secondary school students from all African countries. No tuition, meal, or lodging costs. Travel grants are also available. **Deadline: 6 February 2019**
- **(New)** [ARPPIS-DAAD PhD scholarships for study at icipe](#). Three-year doctoral training in insect and related sciences for development. **Deadline for applications: 11 February 2019**
- **(New)** [Free Edx online course - Feeding a Hungry Planet: Agriculture, Nutrition and Sustainability](#). **Starts 11 February 2019**
- **(New)** [29th International Leadership Workshop for Rural Youth](#), 7-22 August 2019 in Herrsching, Germany. Most costs are covered by the organizer, but participants have to pay for their travel. Additional financial assistance may be provided. **Deadline: 15 February 2019**
- [DAAD In-country/In-region PhD scholarships in Mechanical Engineering and Information Technology, tenable at Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology \(JKUAT\)](#). **Deadline: 15 February 2019**
- [DAAD In-Country/In-Region Scholarships 2019 for PhD in Plant Breeding and Master's in Environment and Natural Resources, tenable at Makerere University](#). **Deadline: 15 February 2019**
- [Virus Vector Vice Versa \(V4\) Development Programme for Early Career Researchers](#). A fully-funded ten-day residential course at the University of Bristol, UK (10 – 21 June 2019). **Deadline: 24 February 2019**

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- [Islamic Development Bank \(IsDB\) Scholarship Programme](#). For undergraduate, master's, PhD, and post-doctoral research with a special focus on "Sustainability Science". **Deadline: 28 February 2019**
- [Scholarships for International MSc Programs at Hebrew University of Jerusalem in Israel, 2019](#). **Deadline: 1 March 2019**
- **(New)** [Solar Cooling Hands-on Workshop and Conference, 18-22 March 2019 in Nairobi](#). The training/conference will be free for participants, but travel and accommodation cost will not be covered. **Deadline: 3 March 2019**
- [Ghent University doctoral scholarships for candidates from developing countries](#). Students should carry out half of their research at Ghent University and half in a developing country. **Deadline: 4 March 2019**
- [CAS-TWAS President's PhD Fellowship Programme](#). Up to 200 scholarships for non-Chinese citizens to study in China for doctoral degrees in various fields including agricultural sciences. **Deadline: 31 March 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**

Calls for Papers and Posters:

- **(RUFORUM call)** [Call for manuscripts: African Journal of Rural Development](#). Regular articles, short communications and reviews accepted. **Deadline: Open**
- [Call for papers for AAU 2nd International Leadership Conference for Women in Higher Education, 6-8 March 2019, Nairobi](#). **Deadline: 4 February 2019**
- [Call for abstracts for the 2019 congress of the Rural Communication Working Group of the International Association for Media and Communication Research \(IAMCR\) to be held 7-11 July, 2019 at the University of Madrid, Spain](#). **Deadline: 8 February 2019**
- [Call for papers by the IFLA Africa Section for the Open Forum to be held during the 85th IFLA World Library and Information Congress, 24-30 August 2019 in Athens, Greece](#). **Deadline: 15 February 2019**
- [Call for papers for the FAIR and Responsible Research Data Management \(FAIR-RRDM\) Workshop, 31 March - 1 April 2019, Drexel University, Philadelphia, USA](#). **Deadline: 18 February 2019**
- [Call for papers for the 2nd World Environmental Conservation Conference, 5-8 June 2019 in Akure, Nigeria](#). **Deadline: 20 February 2019**
- [Call for posters for presentation at the Research Data Alliance \(RDA\) Thirteenth Plenary taking place from 2-4 April 2018 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania](#). **Deadline: 28 February 2019**
- [Call for abstracts for the 1st Great Lakes and Catchment Management \(1st GLACAM\) Conference, 5-7 June 2019, Entebbe, Uganda](#). **Deadline: 28 February 2019**
- [Call for contributions for the 16th International Conference on Digital Preservation \(iPRES2019\), 16-20 September 2019 in Amsterdam](#). **Deadline: 18 March 2019**
- [Call for papers for CIGR First Section 5th Interregional Conference on "challenges of water mobilization and soil conservation in better adapting to climate change" & 2nd Conference of the Pan African Society for Agricultural Engineering, 10 – 13 September 2019, Rabat, Morocco](#). **Deadline: 1 April 2019**

JOBS

- [ILRI Consultancy: Climate and livestock policy analysis \(open until filled\)](#). The position will be home based
- **(New)** [ILRI vacancy: Program and Partnerships Manager, Drylands Innovations](#). The position will be based in Nairobi. **Deadline: 15 February 2019**
- Vacancies at the Institute of Interactive Systems and Data Science at Graz University of Technology, Austria. **Deadline: 15 February 2019:**
 - [Project Researcher in Data Analysis and Bibliometrics \(pre-doc\)](#)
 - [Project Research in Data Stewardship \(post or pre-doc\)](#)
- **(New)** [Chief Executive Officer UbuntuNet Alliance](#). **Deadline: 20 February 2019**

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- **(New)** [Data Scientist in Text Mining and Machine Learning \(KTP Associate\) at the University of Manchester](#). **Deadline: 25 February 2019**

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