

Press Release



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RUFORUM Calls for training programs with Support from Carnegie Cooperation of New York

Kampala 15, April 2020 The Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture (RUFORUM), a network of 126 universities in 38 African countries, with funding from Carnegie Cooperation of New York invites application for the following calls;

1. Graduate Teaching Assistantship (GTA) Research Grants

The RUFORUM Secretariat announces the availability of 42 PhD research grants under the GTA programme to support their doctoral research over two years. The research supported through these grants should as much as possible have a participatory action research approach, working closely with a range of stakeholders and thus contributing to the RUFORUM mission of linking universities more closely with rural communities and with research, extension, development and policy-making agencies. However, basic research may also be considered depending on the research area of the GTA Fellow. To learn more about GTA and for more details about this grant, click [here](#)

2. Call for Post- Doctoral Fellowships

RUFORUM invites application from former RUFORUM-Carnegie supported doctoral alumni for 22 months post-doctoral Fellowships (8) to be based at universities in Africa. The 22 months post-doctoral fellowships builds on, and helps to scale up, the RUFORUM commitment to strengthen postgraduate training and academic mobility in Africa. Since 2012, RUFORUM with support from Carnegie Cooperation of New York and other agencies has facilitated, mentored and contributed to a growing number of doctoral graduates who upon successful completion of their studies return to their home countries and integrate back in teaching and research. Thus, the goal of this call is to increase high retention rate of these graduates in Africa to help strengthen African universities and research institutions to meet the growing demand for higher education and research for creating knowledge and prosperity in the continent. For more details about the fellowship, including the deadline, click [here](#)

3. Call for Post- Doctoral Fellowships with Uganda National Agricultural Research Organisation

This Fellowship is aimed at supporting training and mentoring of recently graduated Doctoral graduates to become independent, internationally-recognized research leaders and to have apprenticeship at a leading African National Agricultural Research Organisation. This is a pilot, to involve initially two Fellows to be based at the National Crops Resources Research Institute (NaCRRI), one of the research institutes of the Uganda National Agricultural Research Organisation (NARO). Successful applicants will develop

their potential to become excellent researchers within a structured mentored training environment. The focus of the programme is on rigorous, intensive agricultural research training relevant to Africa, and research projects will be carried out in Uganda. Research projects focusing on any aspect of Horticulture/Beans/Cassava will be considered. The Fellowships will allow for sandwich attachments to NaCRRI and Makerere University and will be jointly funded by RUFORUM and NARO. The Post-doctoral fellowships will be for 22 months. For more details about the fellowship, click [here](#)

4. Expression of Interest for Staff Mobility in African Universities

RUFORUM is pleased to announce availability of Academic Staff Mobility fellowship slots for 2020/2021 Academic year. These Staff exchanges are part of RUFORUM's efforts to promote Africa's regional integration through vibrant academic mobility as stipulated in its Vision 2030. Specifically, the goal of the mobility is to provide for collegial mobility in order to enhance faculty-teaching, research and collaboration among RUFORUM Member Universities situated across the five geographical regions of Africa. These exchanges will contribute to improving the quality of teaching at the member universities. While the call is open for teaching and research at the different RUFORUM member universities, it particularly invites applications for teaching at three African Higher Education Centres of Excellence in Ethiopia, Malawi and Uganda where we have negotiated for joint funding. For more details, please click [here](#)

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Notes to Editors:

The Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture (RUFORUM), is a consortium of 126 African universities operating in 38 countries on the continent with a mission to 'strengthen the capacities of Universities to foster innovations responsive to demands of smallholder farmers through the training of high quality researchers, the output of impact oriented research and the maintenance of collaborative working relations among researchers, farmers, national agricultural research institutions'. RUFORUM was established by Vice Chancellors in 2004 with a Secretariat hosted at Makerere University in Kampala, Uganda. In 2014 RUFORUM signed a MoU with the African Union Commission to support implementation of the Science, Technology and Innovation Strategy for Africa (STISA 2024) Priority One on reducing poverty and ensuring food and nutrition security. RUFORUM has supported the training of 1919 MSc and 525 PhD graduates, of whom 94% work in their countries or region, the generation of over 300 agricultural technologies and mobilized over US\$208 million for strengthening postgraduate education in Africa. Please visit www.ruforum.org for more information.

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