

# Press Release



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## Announcing 32 RUFORUM Grant Recipients

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The Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture ([RUFORUM](#)) periodically puts out calls for grants and scholarships and invites eligible members from our member universities including researchers and students, people in the academia and members of the public to apply, as a way of supporting research and development, and training a new generation of scientists for Africa.

RUFORUM is grateful to all applicants who responded to the respective calls for [RUFORUM Entrepreneurship Challenge Programme \(RECAP\)](#), [RUFORUM Community Action Research Programme Plus \(CARP+\)](#), [Social and Environmental Trade-offs in African Agriculture \(SENTINEL\)](#) and [The Community-Based Field Attachment Program Award \(CFAPA\)](#).

A total of 114 applications were received from 15 African countries and we take this opportunity to announce the outcome of the review process and final selection of the grantees and awardees, which was concluded during the RUFORUM 12th technical committee meeting held at the RUFORUM Secretariat on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2018.

Thirty two (32) grants were awarded based on, but not limited to, quality of proposal, gender, thematic areas and geographical scope. The lists of successful applicants in the various categories are presented below.

### Related articles:

1. [RUFORUM Entrepreneurship Challenge Programme \(RECAP\)](#)
2. [RUFORUM Community Action Research Programme Plus \(CARP+\)](#)
3. [Social and Environmental Trade-offs in African Agriculture](#)
4. [The Community-Based Field Attachment Program Award CFAPA.](#)

## 1. List of selected projects under the RUFORUM Entrepreneurship Challenge Programme (RECAP)

**Summary:** RECAP is designed to strengthen university entrepreneurship education and impact by supporting the development/ strengthening of Agri-Enterprise Innovation Hubs (AIHs) at universities that will support the development of agricultural enterprises through entrepreneurial skills development.

No.	Title	Name of Applicant	University	Project title
<b>2017-2018</b>				
1	Ms.	Rebecca Kalibwani	Bishop Stuart University	Youth business incubation hub at Bishop Stuart University for innovative and diversified employment opportunities for young graduates
2	Dr.	Rosemary Isoto Emegu	Makerere University	Leveraging the Makerere University Agricultural Research Institute Kabanyolo dairy value chain for dairy business incubation and skill development-DAIRY LEVER among students and smallholder farmers in Uganda
3	Prof	Patience Mshenga	Egerton University	Empowering Kenyan youth through agrienterprise incubation for improved livelihoods and economic development (Aglead)
4	Dr	Walter Odongo	Gulu University	Enhancing the students enterprise training (SES) at Gulu University
<b>2018-2019</b>				
5	Dr	William Ghartey	University of Cape Coast	StartUP Villa UCC_AEE
6	Mr	Serge ABIHONA	University of Abomey Calavi	Building the capacities of agricultural students in entrepreneurship and leadership to improve their professional insertion
7	Mr	Samuel Kalimunjaye	Uganda Christian University Mukono	Venture Hub Project: V-Hub project
8	Dr	David Magumba	Busitema Univeristy	Agribusiness innovations for inclusive soybean and honey value chain development in Eastern Uganda
9	Mr	Daniel Muhindo	Universite Catholique de Bukavu	Bukavu Agribusiness incubation center

## 2. List of selected Applicants for the RUFORUM Community Action Research Programme Plus (CARP+)

**Summary:** The CARP program aims to encourage universities to develop and invest in more comprehensive and sustained action research into a particular geographical area or in a selected commodity along the full value chain.

No.	Title	Name of Applicant	University	Project title
<b>2017-2018</b>				
1	Prof.	Achille Ephrem Assogbadjo	University of Abomey-Calavi	Scaling up African baobab food products valuation through enhancement of their safety and value chains for food and nutritional security in Benin (West-Africa)
2	Prof.	Johnny Mugisha	Makerere University	Making potato value chain enhance productivity and incomes in Uganda
3	Dr.	Basil Mugonola	Gulu University	Enhancing agribusiness rice clusters and market linkages for food security and incomes in northern Uganda
<b>2018-2019</b>				
4	Prof.	Agnes Mwang'ombe	University of Nairobi	Capacity building for micro propagation and certification of cassava planting materials to enhance productivity, incomes and food security and nutrition for small holder farmers in Coastal Kenya
5	Prof.	George Nyamadzawo	Bindura University of Science Education	Promoting community action research programme (CARP) on the use of tied contour rain water harvesting (TC-RWH) system in small grain and legume production for improved household food security, nutrition and income in semi-arid smallholder farming areas of Zimbabwe
6	Prof.	Festus Annor-Frempong	University of Cape Coast Ghana	Development of sustainable commercial pineapple value chain system for increased yield and income, and improved livelihood of smallholder farmers in central region of Ghana

### 3. List of selected Applicants for the Social and Environmental Trade-offs in African Agriculture SENTINEL 2018 Call

*Summary: 'Social and Environmental Trade-offs in African Agriculture' or SENTINEL aims at building the capacity of African and UK research organizations to design and deliver high quality, relevant and state of art research related to a major challenge that lies at the heart of sustainable development in sub-Saharan Africa (SSA).*

<b>No.</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Gender</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Programme</b>
1	Mr	Richard Wamalwa Wanzala	Male	Kenya	PhD Development Finance
2	Mr	Justin Akilimali Itongwa	Male	DRC	PhD Aquaculture and Agriculture Integration
3	Mr	Valence Bwana	Male	DRC	PhD Pharmacology and Reproduction Toxicology
4	Ms	Matendo Esther Rehema	Female	DRC	PhD In Food Science and Nutrition
5	Mr	Jackson Bunyangha	Male	Uganda	PhD In Hydrobiology
6	Ms	Maysoon Abdelhameid	Female	Sudan	PhD Climate Change and Adaptation
7	Mr	Geoffrey Bwireh	Male	Uganda	PhD (Business Administration)-Global Business

#### 4. List of selected Applicants for the Community-Based Field Attachment Program Award (CFAPA)

**Summary:** *The project aims at building the capacity of African and UK research organizations to design and deliver high quality, relevant and state of art research related to a major challenge that lies at the heart of sustainable development in sub-Saharan Africa (SSA).*

No.	Ref. No.	Title	Name	Title of proposal
1	RU/2017/FAPA-0015	Mr.	Marius Affonfere	Promotion of the consumption of sorghum porridge dual fortified with moringa leaf powder and baobab fruit pulp among under five years old children in rural Benin.
2	RU/2017/FAPA-0003	Mr.	Emmanuel Obukui	Disseminating the MSc findings by sensitizing the cattle keeping communities of Gweri County in Soroti on Fasciolosis outbreaks in cattle and demonstrate some control measures.
3	RU/2017/FAPA-0006	Ms.	Aloycia Mot'selisi Mahlehla	Farmer's training on different control measures and prevalence of gastrointestinal parasites of Merino sheep in Lesotho
4	RU/2017/FAPA-0013	Ms.	Mercy Mmari	Improvement of traditional complementary foods to meet minimum nutrients requirement for children aged 6 months to 5 years.
5	RU/2017/FAPA-0007	Mr.	Morai Moiloa	Empowering Angora goat farmers with knowledge about gastrointestinal parasites in Maseru and Quthing districts of Lesotho
6	RU/2017/FAPA-0012	Ms.	Ruthie Mutyaba	Economic costs of aflatoxins in groundnuts in eastern Uganda
7	RU/2017/FAPA-0029	Mr.	Nicholus Mbabazi	Sustainable multiplication of improved common bean seed in favour of smallholder farmers of Buhimba and Kiziranfumbi Sub-county Hoima district, Uganda
8	RU/2017/FAPA-0022	Dr.	K. O Ogolla	Stakeholders engagement and sensitization on best practices to maximize on rabbit production in central Kenya through effective treatment and control of coccidiosis
9	RU/2017/FAPA-0017	Ms.	Irene Penninah Aryemo	Increasing commercialization and profitability of indigenous chicken production through innovation platforms in Omoro district, Northern Uganda
10	RU/2017/FAPA-0025	Ms.	Prossy Nassanga	Promoting utilization of Millet-Sesame-Soy complementary food composite to prevent under nutrition amongst children 6-23 months old in Amuru and Nwoya districts, Northern Uganda.

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### Notes to Editors:

The Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture (RUFORUM), is a consortium of 85 African universities operating within 35 countries in the continent with 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 in 2004, with a Secretariat hosted at Makerere University in Kampala, Uganda. RUFORUM signed an MoU with the African Union and has a mandate to support capacity building in Agriculture related fields, Science, Technology and Innovation in Africa. RUFORUM has supported the training of over 2,152 postgraduate students, the generation of over 300 agricultural technologies and mobilized over US\$169 million for strengthening postgraduate education in Africa. Please visit [www.ruforum.org](http://www.ruforum.org) for more information.

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