

# Press Release



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## AWARD OF PHD RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS UNDER SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL TRADE-OFFS IN AFRICAN AGRICULTURE (SENTINEL PROJECT)

**Kampala 13 April 2019** The Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture (RUFORUM) is an implementing partner for the SENTINEL project. The SENTINEL is an interdisciplinary research project seeking to address the challenge of achieving ‘zero hunger’ in sub-Saharan Africa, while at the same time reducing inequalities and conserving ecosystems with special focus on Ethiopia, Zambia and Ghana. Through this project, RUFORUM will provide 27 PhD research scholarships. RUFORUM is pleased to announce the award of 20 PhD research scholarships to applicants that responded to the second [Social and Environmental Trade-offs in African Agriculture \(Sentinel\) call for PhD proposals](#). This is the second and final award under this project. The following are the successful applicants:

### Selected applicants for the SENTINEL PhD Research Scholarship Award 2019

No	Surname	First name	Gender	University	Country of Research
1	Hailu Gebremedhin	Haftay	male	Haramaya University	Ethiopia
2	Biratu	Abera	male	Haramaya University	Ethiopia
3	Abubakar	Gyindadu	male	University of Ghana	Ghana
4	Loh	Seyram	male	University of Ghana	Ghana
5	Abich	Amsalu	male	Hawassa University	Ethiopia
6	Tassew	Muluberhan	male	Mekelle University	Ethiopia
7	Argado	Zenebe	male	Hawassa University	Ethiopia
8	Jiru	Dereje Bekele	male	Jimma University	Ethiopia
9	Kabwata	Kelly	male	University of Zambia	Zambia
10	Basiru	Adeniyi Okanlawon	male	Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology	Ghana
11	Osei	Paul	male	Copperbelt University	Zambia
12	Mulu	Solomon	male	University of Gondar	Ethiopia
13	Kusiima Kaheesi	Samuel	male	Makerere University	Uganda
14	Asfaw	Ambachew Getnet	male	Bahir Dar University	Ethiopia
15	weldemariam	Elias Cherenet	male	University of Pretoria	Ethiopia
16	Baidoo	Jacqueline	female	University of Ghana	Ghana
17	Nsemiwe	Nsama	female	University of Reading	Zambia
18	Denga	Rudo Violet	female	University of KwaZulu Natal	Zambia
19	Munyaka	Justin	male	University of Zambia	Zambia
20	Mashandi	Fridah	Female	University of Zambia	Zambia

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### Notes to Editors:

Established by 10 African university Vice Chancellors in 2004, the Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture (RUFORUM) is a consortium of 105 African universities operating in 37 countries on the continent with a vision to create “*vibrant transformative universities to catalyse sustainable inclusive agricultural development to feed and create prosperity for Africa*”. RUFORUM Secretariat is hosted by the Ministry of Education and Sports in Uganda with Secretariat at Makerere University in Kampala. In 2014, RUFORUM signed an 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. As of August 2017, RUFORUM has supported the training of 60 Under graduates, 1,883 MSc and 503 PhD graduates of whom, 94% work in their home countries or region, generated over 300 agricultural technologies and mobilized over US\$201 million for strengthening postgraduate education in Africa. Please visit [www.ruforum.org](http://www.ruforum.org) for more information.

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