

# Press Release



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## RUFORUM awards 42 Doctoral Research Grants

**Kampala 31, July 2020** The Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture (RUFORUM), a consortium of 128 Universities in 38 African Countries, is pleased to announce the recipients of the **two year Doctoral Research Grants** funded by the [Carnegie Corporation of New York](#). The grants targeted registered PhD candidates in one of the RUFORUM Network universities as Graduate Teaching Assistants. The call for the grants attracted **103 applicants** from **20 African countries** from which **42 final awardees were selected** following evaluation by external reviewers.

The RUFORUM Doctoral Research grants aim at increasing the proportion of academic staff with PhD qualifications and contributing to locally relevant research. The Doctoral Research grant builds on, and helps to scale up, RUFORUM's commitment to strengthen postgraduate training and academic mobility in Africa.

“RUFORUM Member Universities have committed to fund the training of 350 PhD-level faculty staff by 2022. This is an investment of about US\$ 21 million by African Universities. We urge African Governments and their partners to co-fund this initiative” said **Professor Adipala Ekwamu, Executive Secretary, RUFORUM**.

RUFORUM thanks the Carnegie Corporation of New York for funding the candidates and congratulates the 42 Doctoral Research grant recipients. We further thank the RUFORUM member universities for funding the Graduate Teaching Assistantship Programme.

**Table 1: Graduate Teaching Assistants in different RUFORUM Member Universities**

No.	Name	Nationality	Gender	Host Institution
1	Mohammed El-Mugheira	Sudan	Male	Nelson Mandela African Institution of Science and Technology
2	Rubaijaniza Abigaba	Uganda	Male	University of Zambia
3	Samuel Kalimunjaye	Uganda	Male	Makerere University
4	Tebogo Mokumako	Botswana	Female	University of Cape Coast
5	Serge Ndjadi Shakanye	DRC	Male	University of Abomey Calavi
6	Veronicah Motaung Masa	Botswana	Female	University of Cape Coast
7	Philip J. Kamanda	Sierra Leone	Male	University of Cape Coast
8	David Cudjoe Adukpo	Ghana	Male	Uganda Martyrs University
9	Sellu Mawundu	Sierra Leone	Male	University of Eldoret

10	Adrien Byamungu Ndeko	DRC	Male	Universite Cheikh Anta Diop De Dakar
11	Ceriano Mbiika	Uganda	Male	University of Pretoria
12	Mandela Hinneh Klon-yan	Liberia	Male	University of Eldoret
13	Ousman Sarlia Dorley	Liberia	Male	University of Eldoret
14	Loyce Nahwera	Uganda	Female	Kenyatta University
15	Khatir Teben	Sudan	Male	Egerton University
16	Salia S. Sheriff	Liberia	Male	University of Eldoret
17	Fred Masika	Uganda	Male	Makerere University
18	Rodrigue Jackson Ishara Masumbuko	DRC	Male	Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology
19	Fanuel Letting	Kenya	Male	Nelson Mandela African Institution of Science and Technology
20	Tulimo Uushona	Namibia	Female	Stellenbosch University
21	Ariel Kasangi Buzera	DRC	Male	Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology
22	Sonnie Kesselly	Liberia	Female	Makerere University
23	Ciza Arsene Mushagalusa	DRC	Male	University of Abomey Calavi
24	Lynda Oleka	Nigeria	Female	University of Cape Coast
25	Yannick Mugumaarhahama	DRC	Male	University of Abomey Calavi
26	Christinah Matswane	Botswana	Female	Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology
27	Daniel Hussein	Malawi	Male	Pwani University
28	Nthanda Jacqueline Kakhobwe	Malawi	Female	Kenyatta University
29	Chris Tembo	Malawi	Male	Lilongwe University of Agriculture and Natural Resources
30	William Kollie	Liberia	Male	Uganda Martyrs University
31	Abigail Nyamawa	Sierra Leone	Female	Makerere University
32	Grace Nnabunnya Kawesa	Uganda	Female	Egerton University
33	Chizoba Oranu	Nigeria	Female	Lilongwe University of Agriculture and Natural Resources
34	Pontious Mubiru	Uganda	Male	Makerere University
35	Poloko Mosebi	Lesotho	Male	University of Pretoria
36	Geoffrey Bwireh	Uganda	Male	University of Nairobi
37	Osman Maysoon	Sudan	Female	University of Nairobi
38	Esther Matendo Rehema	DRC	Female	Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology
39	David Martin Amitu	Uganda	Male	Makerere University
40	Kato Jacob	Uganda	Male	Makerere University

41	Moses Waswa	Uganda	Male	Makerere University
42	George Jjagwe	Uganda	Male	Makerere University

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**Notes to Editors:**

The Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture (RUFORUM), is a consortium of 128 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 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. 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](http://www.ruforum.org) for more information.

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