

RUFORUM-NaCRRRI

Call for Post- Doctoral Fellowships: RN/2020/Post Doc/02

Applications are invited for post-doctoral fellowships run by RUFORUM, a network of 126 Universities in 38 African countries, together with the National Crops Resources Research Institute (NaCRRRI), one of the public research institutes under the policy guidance and co-ordination of NARO (National Research Organization), which is the apex body for guidance and coordination of all agricultural research activities in the national agricultural research system in Uganda.

This fellowship is aimed at supporting training and mentoring the most promising young scientists in Africa to become independent, internationally-recognized research leaders. Successful applicants will develop their potential to become excellent researchers within a structured mentored training environment offered jointly by Makerere University and NaCRRRI. 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 (tomato and Oil Palm)/Bean/Sweet potato/Cassava improvement will be considered.

The Fellowships will allow for sandwich attachments to NaCRRRI and Makerere University. The Post-doctoral fellowships will be for 22 months. Applicants will be expected to have been awarded their PhD theses not more than three years prior to launching the application. Courses will be attended and projects should be designed to develop the applicant's potential to compete, in future, for international research funding. Fellows will be required to take advantage of the sandwich research training courses/resources, excellent mentorship and strong research networks to achieve expected outputs (high quality publications, international collaborations and research grants).

Applicants for the Fellowships must show a commitment to pursuing a research career in their home countries after the training and engaging policy makers and the public in their research work. RUFORUM/NaCRRRI support will include a stipend, and research support (see budget template). NaCRRRI will provide accommodation, and meet field research costs of the Fellow and the graduate students attached to the Fellow. Applications linked to the Makerere University Plant Breeding, Biotechnology and Seed System Programme, and Agricultural and Rural Innovations are especially encouraged.

Applications must be submitted to RUFORUM ([Please the guidelines](#) for more detailed information). Closing date for receipt of applications is 5:00pm (EAT) **20th May 2020**.

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