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Call for Post- Doctoral Fellowships: RU/2022/Post Doc/01

Unleashing the potential of African science leaders

The Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture (RUFORUM), a network of 129 universities in 38 African countries, with funding from Carnegie Cooperation of New York invites applications from former RUFORUM-Carnegie supported doctoral alumni and others for 24 months post-doctoral fellowships to be based at a RUFORUM member university. The 24 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 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 and ensure 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. The emphasis is on facilitating recent PhD graduates in ways that will improve their teaching, research, leadership, mentoring and inter-disciplinary skills. It is important that they are supported in ways that contribute to increasing the critical mass of dedicated scientists that are working together to transform higher education in Africa and contribute to the global knowledge commons. At the individual level the post-doctoral fellowship is intended to provide an opportunity for the Fellows to establish their credentials and develop connections and skills to raise research resources and improve career prospects in the future. It is also aimed at building their capacity so that they in turn are able to guide and create a new generation of scientists for the continent through supervising and mentoring of Masters and PhD students.

Eligibility and Requirements

- This call targets former *PhD beneficiaries of Carnegie Cooperation of New York funded through RUFORUM* who have completed their studies. Other PhD graduates, especially women, who have trained under RUFORUM Regional Programmes may also apply. The Doctoral qualification should not be older than 3 years and **women are specifically encouraged to apply**.
- The applicant would need to be attached to a RUFORUM University faculty for the Post-Doctoral fellowship, where his/her main university mentor will be based. The hosting faculty should provide a support letter confirming willingness to host the Post-Doctoral fellow. The Fellow may also identify other mentors based in other institutions, such as research institutions and policy bodies but as much as possible need to be attached to a University.
- As part of the Fellowship, the Post-Doc Fellow will be provided with research funds that will be linked to supporting research activity of at least one PhD and two Masters Students. The research areas could be directly linked to the field of training of the Post-Doctoral Fellow but could also cover new areas to broaden the perspective of the Fellow and promote inter-disciplinarily.

Applications must be submitted to RUFORUM Secretariat (Please [see guidelines for more detailed information](#)).

Submission of Applications will open 01 January 2022 and close 15th January 2022 at 17:00hrs (EAT).

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