AWARD Pan-African Fellowship

About AWARD

African Women in Agricultural Research and Development (AWARD) is committed to working towards inclusive, agriculture-driven prosperity for the African continent by strengthening the production and dissemination of more gender-responsive agricultural research and innovation. We invest in African scientists, research institutions, and agribusinesses so that they can deliver agricultural innovations that better respond to the needs and priorities of a diversity of women and men across Africa's agricultural value chains.

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The AWARD Fellowship is a career development program initiated in 2008, to strengthen and sharpen the research and leadership skills of African women in agricultural science, empowering them to contribute more effectively to accelerating agricultural gains in Africa. AWARD Fellows benefit from a two-year fellowship focused on fostering mentoring partnerships, building science skills, and developing leadership capacity. Following a highly competitive process, the fellowship is awarded based on intellectual merit, leadership capacity and the potential impact of the scientist’s research to improve the livelihoods of smallholder farmers.

The AWARD Pan-African Fellowship takes a similar approach to career-development by extending the benefits of the fellowship to female scientists from francophone Africa to maximize interactions between English and French speaking women in agricultural science. The call for applications for the second round of the AWARD Pan-African Fellowship, which will commence in February 2019, is now open.

“...Agriculture-driven prosperity for the continent will remain unrealized in the absence of a pan-African vision. The AWARD pan-African initiative reserves 50 percent of the opportunities for participants from francophone Africa and structures fellowship activities to maximize interactions between female scientists from francophone and anglophone”

Dr. Wanjiru Kamau-Rutenberg, Director, AWARD
Eligibility
Candidates for the fellowship must:
• Be aged 40 and below at the time of application
• Be a citizen of Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo, Côte d’Ivoire, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Gabon, Ghana, Guinea, Kenya, Madagascar, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Rwanda, Senegal, Tanzania, and Togo
• Have attained a minimum education level of a bachelor’s degree
• Reside in Africa and doing research in agricultural related fields including but not limited to agricultural economics, agricultural engineering, agronomy, food science and nutrition, extension education, ecology; molecular biology, plant/animal breeding, crop science, animal and livestock sciences, entomology, natural resource management; virology; soil science; aquatic resources/fisheries, forestry and agroforestry, biodiversity conservation, horticulture; water/irrigation management
• NOT be a previous fellow/mentor in the AWARD Fellowship Initiative
• Particular attention will be accorded to applicants working on sustainable agricultural value chains; sustainable food system; agro-ecology and resilient seed systems

General Guidelines for Application
• The application period for the 2019 AWARD Pan-African Fellowship Program begins on September 05, 2018 and closes October 08, 2018, 23:59 East Africa Time (EAT)
• Only applicants whose applications are complete will be considered. Please note, each section of the application part should be accurately completed
• Applications and information submitted through email or any other means will not be considered
• Only one application is allowed per applicant
• The application form must be submitted no later than October 08, 2018

For more information about the call for applications and the AWARD Fellowship, please read the frequently asked questions (FAQs) – available here: https://awardfellowships.org/fellowship/faq

Partners
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