

## RUFORUM-MaRCCI

### Call for Post- Doctoral Fellowships: RM/2022/Post Doc/02

Applications are invited for three post-doctoral fellowships to be based at Makerere University Regional Center for Crop Improvement (MaRCCI). This fellowship is aimed at supporting training and mentoring the most promising young scientists in Africa to become independent, internationally-recognized research leaders in the field of Plant Breeding, Biotechnology and Seed Systems. Successful applicants will develop their potential to become excellent researchers within a structured mentored training environment offered by MaRCCI, one of the African Higher Education Centres of Excellence. The successful applicants will work under the mentorship of MaRCCI scientists.

The Postdoctoral fellowships will be for 24 months. Applicants will be expected to have been awarded their PhD degrees not more than three years prior to launching their application. The fellowships 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 research, resources, excellent mentorship and strong research networks through MaRCCI to achieve 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. The fellowships will be jointly funded by MaRCCI and RUFORUM through funding from the Carnegie Cooperation on New York. The support will include a stipend, and research support. MaRCCI will provide accommodation, and meet some of the field research costs of the three Fellows and the graduate students attached to the Fellows. ***Female applicants are especially encouraged to apply.***

#### 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 MaRCCI for the Post-Doctoral fellowship, where his/her main university mentor will be based. MaRCCI should provide a support letter confirming willingness to host the Post-Doctoral fellow.
- 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 to be done under MaRCCI but could also cover new areas to broaden the perspective of the Fellow and promote inter-disciplinarity.

Applications should be submitted to RUFORUM Secretariat ([Please see guidelines for more detailed information](#)). The call will be open from 01 January 2022 and close **15<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 17:00hrs (EAT)**.

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