

Press Release



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Three (3) winners of the RUFORUM Young Scientists Award 2019 announced

In commemoration of the RUFORUM Annual General Meeting in Ghana, the Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture (RUFORUM) unveiled the Young Scientist Award Competition specifically to honor young and dynamic scientists who hold tremendous promise for scholarly achievement in Ghana. Three (3) Young Scientist awardees from Ghana have been competitively selected from four award categories (see Table I below) after extensive reviews by a team of technical experts in the specified fields. One category was exclusively reserved for women scientists.

The competitive selection of the RUFORUM Young Scientist Award 2019 was based on the award categories shown in Table I below.

Table I: Award Categories

WOMEN IN SCIENCE	To recognize Ghana's most promising women researchers who have demonstrated excellence in a scientific field. Female applicants only.
AGRICULTURE, PLANT SCIENCES AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT	To recognize Ghana's most promising researchers who are working in the field of AGRICULTURE AND RELATED SCIENCES and are committed to developing sustainable models that help in increasing food and nutrition security and improving the quality of life of people living in rural areas.
ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT	To recognize Ghana's most promising researchers who are working in the field of EARTH, ECOSYSTEM, ENVIRONMENTAL and ECOLOGICAL STUDIES, OCEANOGRAPHIC, and SOCIAL SCIENCES and are contributing to protecting our planet and conserving its natural resources.
INNOVATION IN ENGINEERING AND PHYSICAL SCIENCES	To recognize Ghana's most promising researchers who are working in the field of CHEMISTRY, ENGINEERING, MATHEMATICS, and PHYSICS, and are harnessing it to drive a disruptive and sustainable growth, with a potential for high industrial and/or societal impact.

All the nominated applicants were reviewed by three independent evaluators and the top three selected for the awards. RUFORUM is pleased to announce the three winners (see Table II below) who will receive their award prizes in the morning of 6th December 2019 at the University of Cape Coast, Ghana.

RUFORUM congratulates the award winners and extends its appreciation to all applicants for responding to the RUFORUM Young Scientists Award 2019. We also thank the reviewers for their help with the selection process.

Table II: Three (3) winners of the RUFORUM Young Scientists Award 2019

No.	Name	Institution	Gender	Nationality	Average Score
1	Dr. Stephen Edward Moore	University of Cape Coast	Male	Ghana	79.7
2	Dr. Dickson Adom	Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology	Male	Ghana	76.7
3	Dr. Shadrack Kwadwo Amponsah	CSIR-Crops Research Institute	Male	Ghana	75.0

Notes to Editors:

Established by African university Vice Chancellors in 2004, the Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture (RUFORUM) is a consortium of 121 African universities operating in 38 countries on the continent with a vision to create “a vibrant agricultural sector linked to African universities which produce high-performing graduates and high-quality research responsive to the demands of Africa’s farmers for innovations and able to generate sustainable livelihoods and national economic development”. RUFORUM Secretariat is hosted by the Ministry of Education and Sports in Uganda with Secretariat at Makerere University in Kampala. In 2014, RUFORUM signed an MoU with the African Union Commission to support the implementation of the Science, Technology and Innovation Strategy for Africa (STISA 2024) Priority One on reducing poverty and ensuring food and nutrition security. As of August 2019, RUFORUM has supported the training of 1,919 MSc and 525 PhD graduates of whom 94% work in their home countries or region, generated over 300 agricultural technologies and mobilized over US\$208 million for strengthening postgraduate education in Africa. Please visit www.ruforum.org for more information.

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