

**African Women in Agricultural Research and Development (AWARD)
Call for Applications for 2015 AWARD Fellowships**



The majority of those who produce, process, and market Africa's food are women, but only one in four agricultural researchers is female. The AWARD Fellowship is equipping African women scientists to bridge that gap (Photo: Mike Goldwater).

AWARD is a career-development program that equips top women agricultural scientists across sub-Saharan Africa to accelerate agricultural gains by strengthening their research and leadership skills, through tailored fellowships. AWARD is a catalyst for innovations with high potential to contribute to the prosperity and well-being of African smallholder farmers, especially women. AWARD Fellows benefit from two-year fellowships focused on fostering mentoring partnerships, building science skills, and developing leadership capacity. Fellows stay in their institutions, continue their research, and travel to AWARD training courses held in various locations in Africa.

Eligibility

Women agricultural scientists who are citizens of Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Liberia, Malawi, Mozambique, Nigeria, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, or Zambia, who have completed a bachelor's, master's, or doctoral degree in one of the disciplines listed below, or other agriculture-related fields, are eligible to apply. Applicants must be resident in Africa throughout the two-year fellowship period.

Agricultural economics	Ecology	Natural resources management
Agricultural engineering	Entomology	Plant/animal virology
Agronomy	Extension education	Soil science
Animal and livestock sciences	Food science and nutrition	Veterinary sciences
Aquatic resources and fisheries	Forestry and agroforestry	Water and irrigation management
Biodiversity conservation	Horticulture	

Crop science	Molecular biology (plant/animal breeding)	Other
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Fellowships are awarded on the basis of intellectual merit, leadership capacity, and the potential of the scientist's research to improve the livelihoods of African smallholder farmers. This is the last round of fellowships offered by AWARD under its current grant funding.

Apply: For the electronic application form and more information, [click here](#).

Deadline: August 8, 2014

Applications received after the deadline and incomplete applications will NOT be accepted. Winners will be notified by December 31, 2014.

Successful candidates must be available to attend one of the three five-day AWARD Mentoring Orientation Workshops to be held in February/March 2015 in Kenya. Specific dates to be announced.

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