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Scholars Spotlight

The inaugural [Mawazo PhD Scholars](#) cohort are half-way through their one-year fellowship. Learn about their research by viewing their [blog posts](#) on our website. Read more about **Peris Ambala**, who contributed a blog post for world DNA day on the [role of molecular genetics](#) in Kenya, **Melisa Allela** who is re-imagining the traditional forms of storytelling in Africa using [interactive design](#) and **Winnie Nyamboki** who is studying the [economic burden](#) of poor health in Kenya, and others.

Mawazo awards their PhD Scholars with travel and conference grants to allow them to participate in regional and international conferences all over the world. Here are some highlights from the past quarter.



Marilyn Ronoh participated in the Clinic on Meaningful Modelling of Epidemiological Data (MMED) held at the African Institute of Mathematical Sciences, South Africa, from 28th May to 8th June 2018. She gave a poster presentation of her work titled “Impact of Comprehensive Knowledge of HIV/AIDS on Adolescents and Young Adults Disease Dynamics”. This Clinic further exposed her to Data Modelling and Agent Based Modelling methods which she intends to use in her PhD investigations and future research work.



Edinah Songoro attended the 7th International ICAN (Infection Control Africa Network) Congress in Cape Town, South Africa, from 8th to 11th July 2018." The conference emphasized on mother and child infections, antimicrobial resistance including the One Health approach, antimicrobial stewardship as well as healthcare-associated surveillance. Her main takeaway was that along with infection control, hand hygiene and surveillance is a key strategy in local and national programs to prevent the emergence of antimicrobial resistance.



Jacqueline Owigo attended the 14th Migration Summer School held at the European University Institute in Florence, Italy, from 25th June to 6th July 2018. The migration summer school offered her an opportunity to learn the latest trends in migration research as well as gain a deeper understanding of migration and how it affects governments and societies across the globe. She got the opportunity to present her research idea for discussion, and in return, she was able to gain useful feedback and suggestions from the participants.

Mawazo in the News

Please visit our new [media page](#) for a summary of Mawazo's recent press mentions in news outlets such as BBC radio, the Guardian, Science magazine and others.



Mawazo's CEO Dr Rose M. Mutiso, was recently interviewed and featured in the For Women in Science L'Oreal Foundation report titled: ['How cultural shifts can lift up women in science'](#)

New Staff Announcements



Ashley Wangui Muthaka is the new Programme Associate at Mawazo Institute. Read her bio [here](#).



Dr. Mutiso co-authored an article with Katie Hill and Rebekah Shirley that was featured in the world economic forum website titled: 'Is sub-Saharan Africa ready for the electric vehicle revolution?' Read more [here](#).



Elizabeth Ngala is a Certified Public Accountant of Kenya (CPA-K) with over 10 years working experience. She is the new Finance Manager at Mawazo Institute. Read her bio [here](#).



Mawazo's CEO Dr. Rose Mutiso was a key note speaker at the University of Nairobi Physics Department Career Day. The workshop took place 6 July 2018 at the University and the theme was enhancing our skills for strategic market entry. Read more [here](#).

Opportunities

[Call for Applications to be an Obama Fellow](#)
(deadline: 18 September 2018)

[Call for Nominations: The OWSD- Elsevier Foundation Awards for Early-Career Women Scientists in the Developing World](#) (deadline:

What We're Reading

"[African languages](#) will have a formal role in the scientific research community with the launch of a repository that encourages and accepts research in indigenous languages including Swahili, Akan, Zulu, Igbo and more." (Quartz Africa)

"Africa is the home of [2144 languages](#). Oddly, most development theoreticians consider this a barrier to economic and social growth." (Quartz Africa)

"Most new principal investigators (PIs) face [budget constraints](#) and need to be shrewd about securing lab equipment." (Nature)

"I wish the academy would incentivise scholars to [improve society](#), not chase citations. " (The Guardian)

Recent Partnership Events

[CLIFF-GRADS scholarships for short-term scientific training and research stays on topics related to emissions and carbon storage in agriculture](#) (deadline: 30 September 2018)

[Call For Paper: 3rd EAI International Conference on Innovations and Interdisciplinary Solutions for Undeserved Areas \(INTERSOL2019\), Feb 14-15, Cairo, Egypt](#) (deadline: 7 October 2018)

[Call for Nominations: The Aspen Institute New Voices Fellowship](#) (deadline 15 October 2018)

[The Africa-India Mobility Fund](#) (deadline: March 2019)

An opportunity for African scientists, researchers or students to their make work, preliminary research results, or data openly available on [AfricArxiv](#). (deadline: Open)



The [Mentoring Network of African Women in Academia \(MTAWA\)](#), JKUAT, and partners including **Mawazo Institute**, organized a workshop on equipping of women scholars for academic and professional advancement. This workshop was held on 24 & 25 July 2018 at the JKUAT Juja campus. Read more [here](#).



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