



SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS IN MALAWI (FOODMA)

PHD SCHOLARSHIPS FOR LUANAR STAFF

INTRODUCTION

The Lilongwe University of Agriculture and Natural Resources (LUANAR) in collaboration with the Norwegian University of Life Sciences (NMBU) through the Sustainable Food Systems in Malawi (FoodMa) being coordinated by the Programmes Coordination Office (PCO) intends to support **4** LUANAR academic staff with full PhD scholarships.

GENERAL GUIDANCE

The awarding of scholarships and other training opportunities provided for under FoodMa programme is governed by equal and fair competition, with respect to advertisement, eligibility, evaluation and selection criteria, as well as award terms and conditions. The Programme Advisory Committee (PAC) for FoodMa shall approve these scholarships.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. Members of staff of Lilongwe University of Agriculture and Natural Resources
2. Meeting the minimum relevant academic qualifications for the intended training.
3. Minimum **3 years** of service at LUANAR.
4. Guarantee of continuation to work for LUANAR for at least **3 years** after completion of the studies.
5. Gender (All female applicants who meet the minimum requirements will have an added advantage).
6. A multidisciplinary PhD research to be conducted in FoodMa impact areas of Rumphi, Mzimba, Kasungu, Dowa and Mchinji covering any of the following areas:
 - a. Food system governance, policies, and institutions.
 - *Assess the impact pathways of policies on food systems outcomes such as nutrition and food security for gender and vulnerable groups.*
 - *Develop and pilot practical methods of addressing challenges of accessing productive resources for vulnerable and marginalized groups that include women and children.*
 - b. Agricultural biodiversity, farming systems, and seed security.
 - *Assess agro-biodiversity, farming systems, and seed security.*
 - c. Climate change and, Sustainable Agriculture Intensification (SAI)
 - *Develop land restorative agricultural practices in the context of sustainable food systems.*
 - *Develop climate change and sustainable agriculture intensification (SAI) technologies.*
7. Support will only be rendered to those who have sought or intending for admission at the Norwegian University of Life Sciences (NMBU). The scholarship is non-transferable to other universities and failure to be admitted at NMBU entails forfeiture of the scholarship.
8. Not more than **45 years** of age.
9. Recommendation letter from your Head of department.
10. Performance during interview.

DEADLINE

The application package which includes: application letter, CV, recommendation letter, a research proposal (10 pages maximum) covering any one of the three areas highlighted above should reach the Programmes Coordinator by **31st January, 2021**. Submission of the application package should be forwarded to pco@luanar.ac.mw with copies to lbanda@luanar.ac.mw and mlimuwa@luanar.ac.mw. More information on these scholarships could be sourced from Programmes Coordination Office.