



**Knowledge Innovation Excellence**

**LILONGWE UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSIONS INTO POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMMES FOR THE 2016/2017 (MARCH 2017) AND 2017/2018 (OCTOBER 2017)  
ACADEMIC YEARS**

The Lilongwe University of Agriculture and Natural Resources (LUANAR) is inviting applications from suitably qualified persons for admission into its postgraduate programmes for the 2016/2017 academic year commencing in March, 2017 and the 2017/2018 academic year commencing in October, 2017.

**1. Preliminary information for interested applicants**

**a. Minimum generic entry requirements for admissions:**

<b>PhD programmes</b>	<b>MSc. and Postgraduate Diploma programmes</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A relevant Master's Degree obtained from an institution of higher learning recognised by the National Council for Higher Education.</li> <li>• Candidate should also demonstrate ability to conduct independent research by providing at least one example of a scientific publication in print or electronic format as well as a description of any published or unpublished research, thesis, contributions to professional or scholarly literature, and other professional or academic experiences relevant to an assessment of the candidates capacity to pursue doctoral studies successfully.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A relevant Bachelor of Science Degree obtained from an institution recognised by NCHE.</li> <li>• A credit pass/¢GPA of at least 3.0 or equivalent. Candidates with a mere pass/¢GPA of not less than 2.60 or equivalent but with vast relevant work experience may also be considered.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A brief curriculum vitae containing an overview of education, work, publications, and other professional activities as well as at least three references from professional and/or academic circles;</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Where necessary, candidates will also be required to take oral and/or written examinations in their major and minor fields to determine overall preparation and background to cope up with their desired programme.</li> </ul>	

**b. Conditional Offers:** Candidates assessment for admission will be based on the academic transcripts provided and emphasis will be placed on the courses the candidate has already covered, and if such courses/their grades are found to be insufficient for admission to the desired programme, the candidate will be required to take some enhancing courses from the existing course-based MSc. or course-based PhD programs before commencement of, or during their postgraduate studies in LUANAR.

**c. Further requirements:** Candidates must also meet the specific entry requirements for each faculty/programme as outlined under Section 2 of this call for applications and Section Q - programme details section of PGDMP-2016/2017 or PGDMP-2017/2018 application form.

**d. Annual tuition fee** (*full breakdown available on [www.luanar.ac.mw](http://www.luanar.ac.mw)*):

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Category	Campus	Year of Study	Malawian Candidates (USD)	
			Administrative	Tuition and Supervisory
PhD. programmes	Bunda	1	\$435.00	\$7,800.00
		2	\$435.00	\$7,400.00
		3	\$435.00	\$7,400.00
Masters programmes	Bunda	1	\$442.00	\$6,500.00
		2	\$370.00	\$6,700.00

All admissions shall be on self-sponsored basis hence candidates should be prepared to meet all costs associated with their studies.

**e. Programme duration and commencement dates:**

Maximum Programme Duration		Programme Commencement Date	
		2015/2016 Academic Year	2016/2017 Academic Year
PhD programmes	3	27 <sup>th</sup> March, 2017	23 <sup>th</sup> October, 2016
Masters programmes	2		

## 2. Available programmes and their specific entry requirements

- a. All postgraduate applicants are required to submit their application using PGDMP-2016/2017 for March 27, 2017 start date or PGDMP-2017/2018 application form for October, 23 2017 start date.

Programme	Campus	Mode of Delivery	Specific Entry Requirements
1. PhD in Agricultural and Resource Economics	Bunda	Full-time by Course work and research	At least two years' work experience in the public and private sectors, voluntary or community-based organizations, and international and non-governmental organizations; and  A Master's Degree in Economics, Agricultural Economics, Environmental Economics or related fields with credit or cGPA of at least 3.0 or equivalent.
2. PhD in Agricultural and Applied Economics by Modules and Research	Bunda	Full-time by Course Work and Research	At least two years' work experience in the public and private sectors, voluntary or community-based organizations, and international and non-governmental organizations; and  A Master's Degree in Economics, Social Sciences and related fields with a credit pass/cGPA of at least 3.00 or equivalent.
3. PhD in Rural Development and Extension	Bunda	Full-time by Course Work and Research	A Master's Degree in Rural Development and Extension or A Master's Degree in related areas such as Development Studies, Rural Sociology and Anthropology or their equivalents.
4. PhD in Animal Science	Bunda	Full-time by Course Work and Research	A taught and research Masters' degree with a strong pass in Animal Science or closely related fields.  Candidates should also demonstrate ability to conduct independent research through presentation of a pre-qualifying seminar of the candidate's master's degree research.
5. PhD in Aquaculture and Fisheries Science	Bunda	Full-time by Course Work and Research	A Master's Degree in Aquaculture, Fisheries Science or any closely related fields.
6. PhD in Crop and Soil Science	Bunda	by research	A Master of Science/Philosophy degree in Agronomy, Crop Sciences, Horticulture, Agriculture Sciences, and Soil Sciences or related disciplines with a credit pass/cGPA of at least 3.00/an upper second class honours or equivalent.
7. MSc. in Agricultural and Applied Economics	Bunda	Full time (1 year course work and 1 year research)	A Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture, Economics, Social Sciences and related fields with a credit pass/cGPA of at least 3.00 or equivalent. Candidates with a mere pass/cGPA of not less than 2.60 or equivalent but with vast

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				relevant work experience may also be considered.
8.	MSc. in Rural Development and Extension	Bunda	Full time (1 year course work and 1 year research)	A relevant Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture or any relevant field with a credit pass/¢GPA of at least 3.00 or equivalent. Candidates with a mere pass/¢GPA of not less than 2.60 or equivalent but with vast relevant work experience may also be considered.
9.	MSc. in Agribusiness Management	Bunda	Full time (1 year course work and 1 year research)	A relevant Bachelor of Science degree in Agribusiness Management or related fields with a credit pass/¢GPA of at least 3.00 or equivalent. Candidates with a mere pass/¢GPA of not less than 2.60 or equivalent but with vast relevant work experience may also be considered. Exceptional cases will be considered for candidates who have two diplomas with one biased towards agriculture and the other towards management.
10.	MSc. in Agriculture Education	Bunda	Full time (1 year course work and 1 year research)	A Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture Education or its equivalent with a credit pass/¢GPA of at least 3.00 or equivalent. Candidates with a mere pass/¢GPA of not less than 2.60 or equivalent but with vast relevant work experience may also be considered.  Candidates with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture (with a credit pass/¢GPA of at least 3.00 or equivalent or candidates with a mere pass/¢GPA of not less than 2.60 or equivalent but with vast relevant work experience) and a Certificate in Education would also be considered.
11.	MSc. in Irrigation Engineering	Bunda	Full time (1 year course work and 1 year research)	A Bachelor of Science degree in any of the following engineering fields (Civil, Irrigation, Agricultural, Water Resources, Water Supply and Sanitation, Environmental) with at least 3.00 GPA. Candidates with relevant work experience will have an added advantage.
12.	MSc. in Agronomy - (Agronomy or Plant Breeding options)	Bunda	Full time (1 year course work and 1 year research)	A Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture, Agronomy, Plant Breeding or any relevant field with a credit pass/¢GPA of at least 3.00 or equivalent. Candidates with a mere pass/¢GPA of not less than 2.60 or equivalent but with vast relevant work experience may also be considered.
13.	MSc. in Soil Science	Bunda	Full time (1 year course work and 1 year research)	A Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture, Soil Science or any relevant field with a credit pass/¢GPA of at least 3.00 or equivalent. Candidates with a mere pass/¢GPA of not less than 2.60 or equivalent but with vast relevant work experience may also be considered.
14.	MSc. in Seed Science	Bunda	Full time (1 year course work and 1 year research)	A Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture, Seed Science or any relevant field with a credit pass/¢GPA of at least 3.00 or equivalent. Candidates with a mere pass/¢GPA of not less than 2.60 or equivalent but with vast relevant work

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				experience may also be considered.
15.	MSc. in Crop Protection	Bunda	Full time (1 year course work and 1 year research)	A Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture, Crop Protection or any relevant field with a credit pass/ċGPA of at least 3.00 or equivalent. Candidates with a mere pass/ċGPA of not less than 2.60 or equivalent but with vast relevant work experience may also be considered.
16.	MSc. in Horticulture	Bunda	Full time (1 year course work and 1 year research)	A Bachelor of Science degree in Horticulture, Agronomy, Natural Sciences or any of the Biological Sciences with a credit pass/ċGPA of at least 3.00 or equivalent. Candidates with a mere pass/ċGPA of not less than 2.60 or equivalent but with vast relevant work experience may also be considered.
17.	MSc. in Animal Science	Bunda	Full time (1 year course work and 1 year research)	A Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Science with a credit pass/ċGPA of at least 3.00 or equivalent. Candidates with a mere pass/ċGPA of not less than 2.60 or equivalent but with vast relevant work experience may also be considered.
18.	MSc. in Food Science and Technology	Bunda	Full time (1 year course work and 1 year research)	A Bachelor of Science degree in Food Science or any relevant field with a credit pass/ċGPA of at least 3.00 or equivalent. Candidates with a mere pass/ċGPA of not less than 2.60 or equivalent but with vast relevant work experience may also be considered.
19.	MSc. in Human Nutrition	Bunda	Full time (1 year course work and 1 year research)	A relevant Bachelor of Science degree in Food Science, Human Nutrition or any relevant field with a credit pass/ċGPA of at least 3.00 or equivalent. Candidates with a mere pass/ċGPA of not less than 2.60 or equivalent but with vast relevant work experience may also be considered.
20.	MSc. in Aquaculture	Bunda	Full time (1 year course work and 1 year research)	A Bachelor of Science Degree in Aquaculture, Fisheries Science, Animal/Veterinary Science or other relevant biological sciences with a credit pass/ċGPA of at least 3.00 or equivalent. Candidates with a mere pass/ċGPA of not less than 2.60 or equivalent but with vast relevant work experience may also be considered.
21.	MSc. in Fisheries	Bunda	Full time (1 year course work and 1 year research)	A Bachelor of Science Degree in Aquaculture, Fisheries Science, Animal/Veterinary Science or other relevant Biological Sciences with a credit pass/ċGPA of at least 3.00 or equivalent. Candidates with a mere pass/ċGPA of not less than 2.60 or equivalent but with vast relevant work experience may also be considered.
22.	MSc. in Environment and Climate Change Sciences	Bunda	Full time (1 year course work and 1 year research)	A Bachelor of Science Degree in Environmental, Natural Resource Management and Climate Change Sciences or equivalent fields with a credit pass/ċGPA of at least 3.00 or equivalent. Candidates with a mere pass/ċGPA of not less than 2.60 or equivalent but with vast relevant work experience may also be

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23. MSc. in Environmental Forestry	Bunda	Full time (1 year course work and 1 year research)	A Bachelor of Science Degree in Forestry, Agroforestry, Social Forestry, Tropical Forestry, Horticulture, Agriculture, Crop Science or other relevant Biological Sciences with a credit pass/ċGPA of at least 3.00 or equivalent. Candidates with a mere pass/ċGPA of not less than 2.60 or equivalent but with vast relevant work experience may also be considered.
24. MSc. in Social Forestry	Bunda	Full time (1 year course work and 1 year research)	A Bachelor of Science Degree in Forestry, Agroforestry, Social Forestry, Tropical Forestry, Horticulture, Agriculture, Crop Science or other relevant Biological Sciences with a credit pass/ċGPA of at least 3.00 or equivalent. Candidates with a mere pass/ċGPA of not less than 2.60 or equivalent but with vast relevant work experience may also be considered.
25. MSc. in Agroforestry	Bunda	Full time (1 year course work and 1 year research)	A Bachelor of Science Degree in Forestry, Agroforestry, Social Forestry, Tropical Forestry, Horticulture, Agriculture, Crop Science or other relevant Biological Sciences with a credit pass/ċGPA of at least 3.00 or equivalent. Candidates with a mere pass/ċGPA of not less than 2.60 or equivalent but with vast relevant work experience may also be considered.

### 3. Application procedure

- a. The address for obtaining and submitting application forms is:** The University Registrar, LUANAR, Bunda Campus, P.O. Box 219, Lilongwe, and (Attention Admissions Office). The application form can also be downloaded from [www.luanar.ac.mw](http://www.luanar.ac.mw) and from the following LUANAR Official Updates Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/luanarupdates/>
- b. A complete application package MUST include the following:**
- Duly completed application form PGDMP-2016/2017 for March 27, 2017 start date or PGDMP-2017/2018 application form for October, 23 2017 start date;
  - Copies of all relevant certificates and academic transcripts which are being used for the application. These must be duly certified by a Commissioner of Oaths as true copies of the originals.
  - Reference letters from persons who are best qualified to evaluate the applicant's academic and/ or professional ability to succeed in graduate study:
    - Masters applicants should submit two academic references. Candidates with relevant work experience can alternatively submit one academic reference and one professional reference;
    - PhD applicants should submit two academic references and one professional reference.

- iv. 1-page research interest concept note – for PhD applicants only.
- v. Curriculum vitae (CV) with names and contact details of three traceable referees.
- vi. Source of funding i.e. official scholarship award/sponsorship letter.
- vii. Proof of payment of an appropriate application fee bearing the name of the applicant and the amount of application fee paid.
- viii. Proof of English Language proficiency for international applicants whose first language is not English.

## INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS SHALL BE DISQUALIFIED!

- c. **Application fee:** all applicants are strictly required to deposit a non-refundable application fee of K5, 500.00 for Malawian and \$200.00 USD for international applicants to one of the following Bunda Fees Bank Accounts:

DETAILS	NATIONAL BANK OF MALAWI	NBS BANK
Account Type	Current	Current
Account Number	2175762	0050886475017
Branch	Lilongwe Branch	Lilongwe Branch
Swift Code	NBMAMWMW008	NBSTMWMW

### 4. Closing date - only applications received by this deadline will be considered.

The closing date for receiving applications is:

- a. FRIDAY, 10<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 2017 FOR THE 27<sup>TH</sup> MARCH START DATE, AND
- b. FRIDAY, 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2017 FOR THE OCTOBER 23<sup>RD</sup> 2017 START DATE.