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**LILONGWE UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES**  
**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSIONS INTO POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMMES FOR THE 2015/2016 ACADEMIC YEAR**

The Lilongwe University of Agriculture and Natural Resources (LUANAR) is inviting applications from suitably qualified persons for admission into its postgraduate programmes for the 2015/2016 academic year.

**1. Preliminary information for interested applicants**

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

PhD programmes	MSc. and Postgraduate Diploma programmes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A recognised and relevant Master of Science Degree obtained from a <b>recognised</b> institution of higher learning.</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one example of a scientific publication in print or electronic format as well as a description of any published or unpublished research, thesis, contributions to professional or scholarly literature, and other professional or academic experiences relevant to an assessment of the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 recognised and relevant Bachelor of Science Degree obtained from a <b>recognised</b> institution of higher learning.</li><li>• In cases where a credit pass/GPA of at least 3.0 is required, candidates with a mere pass 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 persons in professional and academic communities;</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 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.

**c. Further requirements:** Candidates must also meet the specific entry requirements for each faculty/programme as outlined under Section 2 of this advert and Section F - programme details section of PGDMP-2015/2016 application form.

**d. Annual tuition fee:**

Category	Malawian Candidates		International Candidates	
	Bunda Campus	City Campus	Bunda Campus	City Campus
Postgraduate PhD programmes	\$4,442.00 USD	MWK 1,800,000.00	\$4,442.00 USD	\$4,442.00 USD
Postgraduate Masters programmes	\$2,700.00 USD	MWK 1,800,000.00	\$3,142.00 USD	\$4,442.00 USD
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	
		Bunda Campus	City Campus
PhD programmes	3 - 4 years	28 <sup>th</sup> September, 2015	5 <sup>th</sup> October, 2015
Masters programmes	2 years		

## 2. Programmes on offer and specific entry requirements

**a.** All postgraduate applicants are required to submit their application using PGDMP-2015/2016 Application Form.

Programme	Campus	Mode of Delivery	Specific Entry Requirements
1. PhD in Agricultural and Resource Economics (Regional Programme)	Bunda	Full-time	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 recognised Master's Degree in Economics, Agricultural Economics, Environmental Economics, and related fields with credit or cGPA of 3.0 and above.
2. PhD in Agricultural and Applied Economics by	Bunda	Research	At least two years' work experience in the public and private sectors, voluntary or community-based organizations, and international and

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Modules and Research				non-governmental organizations; and  A recognised Master's Degree in Economics, Social Sciences and related fields with credit or cGPA of 3.0 and above.
3.	PhD in Rural Development and Extension	Bunda	Full-time or by Research	A recognised 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	Research	A recognised taught <b>and</b> 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	A recognised Master's Degree in Aquaculture, Fisheries Science or any closely related fields.
6.	MSc. in Agricultural and Applied Economics	Bunda	Full time (1 year taught and 1 year research)	A recognised Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture, Economics, Social Sciences and related fields.
7.	MSc. in Rural Development and Extension	Bunda	Full time (1 year taught and 1 year research)	A recognised relevant Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture or any relevant field.
8.	MSc. in Agribusiness Management	Bunda City	Full-time  Part-time (during evenings and weekends)	A recognised relevant Bachelor of Science degree in Agribusiness Management or related fields. Exceptional cases will be considered for candidates who have two diplomas with one biased towards agriculture and the other towards management.
9.	MSc. in Agriculture Education	Bunda	Full time (1 year taught and 1 year research)	A recognised Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture Education or its equivalent. Candidates with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture and a Certificate in Education would also be considered.
10.	MSc. in Irrigation Engineering	Bunda	Full-time (1 year taught and 1 year	A recognised Bachelor of Science degree in any of the following engineering fields (Civil, Irrigation, Agricultural, Water Resources, Water

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		research)	Supply and Sanitation, Environmental) with at least 3.00 GPA. Candidates with relevant work experience will have an added advantage.
1. MSc. in Agronomy - (Agronomy or Plant Breeding)	Bunda	Full time (1 year taught and 1 year research)	A recognised Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture, Agronomy, Plant Breeding or any relevant field.
2. MSc. in Soil Science	Bunda	Full time (1 year taught and 1 year research)	A recognised Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture, Soil Science or any relevant field.
3. MSc. in Seed Science	Bunda	Full time (1 year taught and 1 year research)	A recognised Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture, Seed Science or any relevant field.
4. MSc. in Crop Protection	Bunda	Full time (1 year taught and 1 year research)	A recognised Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture, Crop Protection or any relevant field.
5. MSc. in Horticulture	Bunda	Full time (1 year taught and 1 year research)	A recognised Bachelor of Science degree in Horticulture, Agronomy, Natural Sciences or any of the Biological Sciences with at least a strong pass.
6. MSc. in Animal Science	Bunda	Full time (1 year taught and 1 year research)	A recognised Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Science with credit/cGPA of 3.00 or above. Candidates with a cGPA of less than 3.0 but with a minimum of 2 years relevant work experience will also be considered.
7. MSc. in Food Science and Technology	Bunda	Full-time (1 year taught and 1 year research)	A recognised Bachelor of Science degree in Food Science or any relevant field.
8. MSc. in Food Science and Human Nutrition	Bunda	Full-time (1 year taught and 1 year research)	A recognised relevant Bachelor of Science degree in Food Science, Human Nutrition or any relevant field.
9. MSc. in Aquaculture	Bunda	Full time (1 year taught and 1 year research)	A recognised Bachelor of Science Degree in Aquaculture, Fisheries Science, Animal/Veterinary Science or other relevant biological sciences, with at least a credit pass/cGPA of 3.0. Candidates with a mere pass but with vast relevant work experience may also be considered.

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10. MSc. in Fisheries	Bunda	Full time (1 year taught and 1 year research)	A recognised Bachelor of Science Degree in Aquaculture, Fisheries Science, Animal/Veterinary Science or other relevant Biological Sciences, with at least a credit pass/cGPA of 3.0. Candidates with a mere pass but with vast relevant work experience may also be considered.
11. MSc. in Environment and Climate Change	Bunda	Full time (1 year taught and 1 year research)	A recognised Bachelor of Science Degree in Environmental and Climate Change Sciences or equivalent fields.
12. MSc. in Natural Resources Management	Bunda	Full time (1 year taught and 1 year research)	A recognised Bachelor of Science Degree in Natural Resources Management or equivalent fields.
13. MSc. in Forestry	Bunda	Full time (1 year taught and 1 year research)	A recognised Bachelor of Science Degree in Forestry, Agroforestry, Social Forestry, Tropical Forestry, Horticulture, Agriculture, Crop Science or other relevant Biological Sciences with at least a credit pass/cGPA of 3.0. Candidates with a mere pass but with vast relevant work experience may also be considered.
14. MSc. in Social Forestry	Bunda	Full time (1 year taught and 1 year research)	A recognised Bachelor of Science Degree in Forestry, Agroforestry, Social Forestry, Tropical Forestry, Horticulture, Agriculture, Crop Science or other relevant Biological Sciences with at least a credit pass/cGPA of 3.0. Candidates with a mere pass but with vast relevant work experience may also be considered.
15. MSc. in Agroforestry	Bunda	Full time (1 year taught and 1 year research)	A recognised Bachelor of Science Degree in Forestry, Agroforestry, Social Forestry, Tropical Forestry, Horticulture, Agriculture, Crop Science or other relevant Biological Sciences with at least a credit pass/cGPA of 3.0. Candidates with a mere pass 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:**

- i. Application form PGDMP-2015/2016;
- ii. Copies of all relevant degrees/certificates/academic transcripts which are being used for the application. These must be duly certified as true copies of the originals by a recognised Commissioner of Oaths.
- iii. Two academic reference letters.
- iv. 1 page research interest concept note.
- v. Write up on candidate's research experience and suitability for Postgraduate studies.
- vi. Curriculum vitae (CV) with names and contact details of three traceable referees.
- vii. Original proof of availability of funds for training i.e. official sponsorship letter.
- viii. Proof of payment of an appropriate application fee bearing the name of the applicant and the amount of application fee paid.
- ix. English proficiency certificate (*a must for all international applicants*) or proof that undergraduate courses were taught in English Language.

**INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED!**

- 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**

**THE CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIVING APPLICATIONS IS TUESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2015. ONLY APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY THIS DEADLINE WILL BE CONSIDERED.**