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LILONGWE UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES
CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSIONS INTO POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMMES FOR THE 2015/2016 (MARCH 2016) AND 2016/2017 (SEPTEMBER 2016)
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 2015/2016 academic year commencing in March, 2016 and the 2016/2017 academic year commencing in September, 2016.

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">• A relevant Master's Degree obtained from an institution of higher learning.• 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one example of a scientific publication in print or electronic format as well as a description of any published or unpublished research, thesis, contributions to professional or scholarly literature, and other professional or academic experiences relevant to an assessment of the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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A relevant Bachelor of Science Degree obtained from an accredited institution of higher learning.• A credit pass/cGPA of at least 3.0 is required; candidates with a mere pass/cGPA of not less than 2.6 but with vast relevant work experience may also be considered.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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;	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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.	

- 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 at LUANAR 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 the PGDMP-2015/2016 or PGDMP-2016/2017 application form.
- d. Annual tuition fee** (full breakdown available on www.luanar.ac.mw):

Category	Campus	Year of Study	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
		3	\$435.00	\$8,000.00
Masters programmes	Bunda	1	\$442.00	\$6,500.00
		2	\$370.00	\$6,700.00
	City	1	\$442.00	\$8,000.00
		2	\$370.00	\$8,000.00
All admissions shall be on self-sponsored basis hence candidates should be prepared to meet all costs associated with their studies at LUANAR				

e. Programme duration and commencement dates:

Maximum Programme Duration		Programme Commencement Date	
		2015/2016 Academic Year	2016/2017 Academic Year
PhD programmes	3 - 4 years	14 th March, 2016	19 th September, 2016
Masters programmes	2 years		

2. Available programmes and their specific entry requirements

- a.** All postgraduate applicants are required to submit their application using PGDMP-2015/2016 or PGDMP-2016/2017 Application Form.

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, and related fields with credit or cGPA of 3.0 and above.
2. PhD in Agricultural and Applied Economics by Modules and Research	Bunda	Full-time by Modules 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 credit or cGPA of 3.0 and above.
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. 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.
7. 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.
8. MSc. in Agribusiness Management	Bunda City	Full time (1 year course work and 1 year research)	A 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

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				towards management.
9.	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. 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 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.
11.	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.
12.	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.
13.	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.
14.	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.
15.	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 at least a strong pass.
16.	MSc. in Animal Science	Bunda	Full time (1 year course work and 1 year research)	A 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.
17.	MSc. In Gender and Development	City	Full time (1 year course work and 1 year research)	A Bachelor of Science or Social Science degree with credit/cGPA of 3.00 or above. Candidates with a cGPA not less than 3.0 but with a minimum of 2 years relevant work experience will 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.

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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.
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 at least a credit pass/cGPA of 3.0. Candidates with a strong pass 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 at least a credit pass/cGPA of 3.0. Candidates with a strong pass 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 at least a credit pass/cGPA of 3.0. Candidates with a strong pass but with vast relevant work experience may also be considered.
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 at least a credit pass/cGPA of 3.0. Candidates with a strong pass 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 at least a credit pass/cGPA of 3.0. Candidates with a strong pass 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 at least a credit pass/cGPA of 3.0. Candidates with a strong 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 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 or PGDMP-2016/2017;
 - ii. Copies of all relevant degrees/certificates/academic transcripts that are being used for the application. A Commissioner of Oaths must duly certify these as true copies of the originals.
 - iii. Two reference letters (two academic references for candidates who are not employed and one academic reference and one professional reference for candidates who are employed).
 - 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 scholarship sponsorship letter or proof of a constant source of income.
 - 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 AND NO APPLICATION FEES NO PROCESSING!**
- 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 FRIDAY, 29TH JANUARY 2016. ONLY APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY THIS DEADLINE WILL BE CONSIDERED.