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Call for Expression of Interest

↗ APPOINTMENT OF EXTERNAL EXAMINERS FOR POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMMES (2026-2029)

The Lilongwe University of Agriculture and Natural Resources (LUANAR) invites suitably qualified and experienced academics and researchers to submit Expressions of Interest for appointment as External Examiners for its postgraduate programmes for a three-year term covering the 2026/2027 to 2028/2029 academic years.

Key Responsibilities

Successful candidates shall be expected to:

- Examine Postgraduate Diploma, Master's and PhD theses and dissertations.
- Participate in final oral examinations where required.
- Submit written examination reports on the quality of the thesis/dissertation and the candidate's performance to the Vice-Chancellor through the Dean of Postgraduate Studies.
- Undertake any other examination-related duties assigned by the University.
- Prepare all monthly reports to management as required displaying Service Station performance.

Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must:

- Be distinguished academics or researchers affiliated with a recognised University or research institution.
- Possess a doctoral degree or an equivalent qualification in a relevant field.
- Have a minimum of three years' post-doctoral experience.
- Demonstrate a strong publication record, including publications within the last five years.
- Have proven experience in research and postgraduate supervision.
- Have previous experience as an internal or external examiner.
- Not have served as a faculty member or equivalent at LUANAR within the preceding five years.

Application Requirements

Interested candidates should submit:

- Current institution of affiliation.
- Highest academic qualification.
- Area(s) of specialization.
- Programme(s) for which they wish to be considered as External Examiner (see attached list of programmes).
- Detailed Curriculum Vitae (CV).
- Names and contact details of three traceable referees one of which should be of a current employer.

Terms and Conditions of Engagement

Successful candidates shall be entitled to examination fees and reimbursement of approved expenses incurred in the execution of their duties in accordance with the LUANAR Staff Regulations and Conditions of Service (2023).

Mode of Application

Interested candidates should submit their applications electronically as a single PDF document containing all required application materials. Applications should be emailed to vacancies@luanar.ac.mw with copies to bndfpgs@luanar.ac.mw. The subject line of the email should read: "Application for Appointment as External Examiner in (Programme Name)".

All applications should be addressed to:

The University Registrar
Lilongwe University of Agriculture and Natural Resources(LUANAR)
P.O. Box 219
LILONGWE

All applications should reach the University no later than **Friday, 17th July, 2026**. Only shortlisted candidates will be acknowledged.

LUANAR is an equal opportunity employer hence females are encouraged to apply.

List of programs offered at LUANAR

Programme	Campus	Mode of Delivery	Specific Entry Requirements
PhD in Agricultural and Resource Economics	Bunda College	Full time (coursework & research)	A Master's Degree in Economics, Agricultural Economics, Environmental Economics or related fields with credit or cGPA of at least 3.0 or equivalent.
PhD in Agricultural and Resource Economics (by Research)	Bunda College	By research	A Master's Degree in Economics, Agricultural Economics, Environmental Economics or related fields with credit or cGPA of at least 3.0 or equivalent.
PhD in Extension, Innovation & Rural Development (by research	Bunda College, Bunda Campus	By 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.
PhD in Animal Science	Bunda College, Bunda Campus	By Research	A Masters' degree in Animal Science, Veterinary Science or any closely related fields with a cGPA of at least 2.6.
PhD in Aquaculture and Fisheries Science	Bunda College, Bunda Campus	Full-time by Course Work and Research	A Master's Degree in Aquaculture, Fisheries Science or any closely related fields with a cGPA of at least 2.6.
PhD in Aquaculture and Aquatic Resources	Bunda College, Bunda Campus	By Research	A Master's Degree in Aquaculture, Fisheries or any closely related fields with a cGPA of at least 2.6.
PhD in Fisheries and Ecosystem Management	Bunda College, Bunda Campus	By Research	A Master's Degree in Fisheries or Aquaculture or any closely related fields with a cGPA of at least 2.6.
PhD in Crop and Soil Science	Bunda College, Bunda Campus	by research	A Master of Science/Philosophy degree in Agronomy, Crop Sciences, Horticulture, Agriculture Sciences, and Soil Sciences or related disciplines with a cGPA of at least 2.6
PhD in Forestry	Bunda College, Bunda Campus	By Research	A Master's Degree in Forestry, Agroforestry, Social Forestry, Horticulture, Crop Science or other relevant sciences with a cGPA of at least 2.6
PhD in Food Systems	Bunda College, Bunda Campus	Full-time by Course Work and Research	A Master of Science Degree in related disciplines (e.g. Food Science and Technology, Nutrition, Economics, Animal Science, Agronomy, Ecology, Environmental science, Aquaculture etc.) with a cGPA of at least 2.6
PhD in Agribusiness Management and Entrepreneurship	Bunda College, Bunda Campus	By Research (3 Years)	An MBA/MSc/MA in agribusiness management, entrepreneurship, economics, and agribusiness related fields, with a credit or GPA of 3.0 and above from a recognized university. Those with a strong pass (GPA of 2.8 and above) shall be considered on a case-by-case basis if key subjects in business related areas were passed and have at least 3 years of relevant working experience. Prospective candidates are required to submit a 4-5 page concept note outlining the nature of research topics, motivation, and primary research questions. Prospective candidates who do not submit the concept note together with their applications shall not be considered.

Programme	Campus	Mode of Delivery	Specific Entry Requirements
PhD in Data Science	Bunda College, Bunda Campus	Full-time by Course Work and Research	A Master's Degree in Agricultural and other relevant sciences programs with strong background in statistical related courses and work experiences.
MSc. In Agribusiness Management	Bunda College, Bunda Campus	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/ 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 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.
MSc. In Agricultural and Applied Economics	Bunda College, Bunda Campus	Full time (1 year course work and 1 year research)	A relevant Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Economics or 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 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.
MSc in Data Science	Bunda College, Bunda Campus	Full time (1 year course work and 1 year research)	A relevant Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Economics or 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 relevant work experience data management. Other qualifications will be considered on merit.
Master of Education (Policy, Leadership and Management)	Bunda College, Bunda Campus	Full time (1 year course work and 1 year research)	A relevant Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Education degree with 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 relevant work experience or with Diploma in Education may also be considered.
MSC in Extension, Innovation and Rural Development	Bunda College, Bunda Campus	Full time (1 year course work and 1 year research)	A Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Extension or its equivalent with a cGPA of at least 2.6 or Candidates with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture with a cGPA of at least 2.6.
MSc. in Irrigation Engineering	Bunda College, Bunda Campus	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 a cGPA of at least 2.6
MSc in Machinery Systems Engineering	Bunda College, Bunda Campus	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, Mechanical, Water Resources, Water Supply and Sanitation, Environmental) with a cGPA of at least 2.6

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MSc in Food Process Engineering	Bunda College	Full time (1 year course work and 1 year research)	A Bachelor of Science degree in any of the following engineering and food process fields with a cGPA of at least 2.6
MSc. in Agronomy	Bunda College, Bunda Campus	Full time (1 year course work and 1 year research)	A Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture, Agronomy, or any relevant field with a cGPA of at least 2.6
MSc. in Soil Science	Bunda College, Bunda Campus	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 cGPA of at least 2.6
MSc. in Seed Science	Bunda College, Bunda Campus	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 cGPA of at least 2.6
MSc. in Crop Protection	Bunda College, Bunda Campus	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 cGPA of at least 2.6
MSc. in Plant Breeding	Bunda College, Bunda Campus	Full time (1 year course work and 1 year research)	A Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture, Agronomy or any relevant field with a cGPA of at least 2.6
MSc in Sustainable Agriculture	Bunda College, Bunda Campus	Full time (1 year course work and 1 year research)	A Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture, Crop Sciences or any relevant field with a cGPA of at least 2.6
MSc in Crop and Soil Sciences by research	Bunda College, Bunda Campus	Full time (1 year research)	BSc (honours) degrees in Agriculture, Crop and Soil Sciences, or any relevant field with a cGPA of at least 2.6
MSc. in Horticulture	Bunda College, Bunda Campus	Full time (1 year course work and 1 year research)	A Bachelor of Science degree in Horticulture, Forestry, Agriculture, Crop Sciences or any of the Biological Sciences with a cGPA of at least 2.6
MSc. in Animal Science	Bunda College, Bunda Campus	Full time (1 year course work and 1 year research)	A Bachelor of Science Degree in Animal Science, Veterinary Science, Aquaculture, Fisheries Science or other relevant Biological Sciences with a cGPA of at least 2.6

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MSc. in Aquaculture and Fisheries Science	Bunda College, Bunda Campus	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 cGPA of at least 2.6
MSc. in Aquatic Animal Health and Ecosystem Management	Bunda College, Bunda Campus	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 cGPA of at least 2.6
MSc. in Climate Change & Sustainable Development	Bunda College, Bunda Campus City Campus	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 cGPA of at least 2.6
MSc. in Environmental Forestry	Bunda College, Bunda Campus	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 cGPA of at least 2.6
MSc. in Forestry	Bunda College, Bunda Campus	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 cGPA of at least 2.6
MSc. in Agroforestry	Bunda College, Bunda Campus	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 cGPA of at least 2.6
MSc. in Social Forestry	Bunda College, Bunda Campus	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 cGPA of at least 2.6
MSc. In Gender and Development	Bunda College, City Campus	Full time (1 year course work and 1 year research)	A Bachelor of Science Degree in Sociology, Social Work, Gender or other relevant sciences with a cGPA of at least 2.6
MSc. In Food Science and Technology	Bunda College, Bunda Campus	Full time (1 year course work and 1 year research)	A Bachelor of Science degree in Food Science and Technology or its equivalent with a cGPA of at least 2.6 or Candidates with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture with a cGPA of at least 2.6.

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Post-Graduate Diploma in Clinical Dietetics	Bunda College, Bunda Campus	Full time (1 year course work and 8 months internship)	A Bachelor of Science Degree in Nutrition, Clinical Medicine or other relevant sciences with a cGPA of at least 3.0 ***NOTE: Commencement of this program is 2026/2027 academic year***
MSc. In Human Nutrition	Bunda College, Bunda Campus	Full time (1 year course work and 1 year research)	A Bachelor of Science Degree in Nutrition or its equivalent with a cGPA of at least 3.0 or 2.8 with two years of relevant work experience; a Postgraduate Diploma in Human Nutrition or closely related discipline; BSc (Honours) in Human Nutrition or closely related discipline. ***NOTE: Commencement of this program is 2026/2027 academic year***
MSc in Clinical Dietetics	Bunda College, Bunda Campus	Full time (1 year research)	BSc (Honours) in Dietetics or Postgraduate Diploma in Clinical Dietetics. Candidates must be Registered Dietitians with evidence of successful completion of full supervised practice and having sat and passed a licensure examination administered by a competent body in countries where there is such a requirement. ***NOTE: Commencement of this program is 2026/2027 academic year***
BSc (honours) in Agronomy	Bunda College, Bunda Campus	Full time (1 year course work)	A BSc degree in Agronomy, Agriculture, Crop and Soil Sciences, or any relevant field with a cGPA of at least 2.6
BSc (honours) in Plant Breeding	Bunda College, Bunda Campus	Full time (1 year course work)	A BSc degree in Agronomy, Agriculture, Crop and Soil Sciences, or any relevant field with a cGPA of at least 2.6
BSc (honours) in Soil Science	Bunda College, Bunda Campus	Full time (1 year course work)	A BSc degree in Soil Science, Agronomy, Agriculture, Crop and Soil Sciences, or any relevant field with a cGPA of at least 2.6
BSc (honours) in Crop Protection	Bunda College, Bunda Campus	Full time (1 year course work)	A BSc degree in Agronomy, Agriculture, Crop and Soil Sciences, or any relevant field with a cGPA of at least 2.6
BSc (honours) in Seed Science	Bunda College, Bunda Campus	Full time (1 year course work)	A BSc degree in Seed Systems, Agronomy, Agriculture, Crop and Soil Sciences, or any relevant field with a cGPA of at least 2.6

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University Certificate of Education (UCE)	Bunda College	Full time (coursework & research), Facilitated through blended mode (face to face and on-line)	A bachelor's Degree in Basic Sciences related field- Biology, Agriculture, Physics, Chemistry, Home Economics and Mathematics or related fields with credit or cGPA of at least 2.6 or equivalent.
Postgraduate Certificate in Higher Education (PGCHE)	Bunda College	Full time (coursework & research), Facilitated through blended mode (face to face and on-line)	A relevant bachelor's or postgraduate degree obtained from an accredited institution of higher learning with credit or cGPA of at least 2.6 or equivalent. They also have secured a teaching position at LUANAR or any other university.