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Staff Vacancy Advertisement

↗ NON-ACADEMIC STAFF VACANCY

The Lilongwe University of Agriculture and Natural Resources (LUANAR) invites applications from suitably qualified candidates to be considered for the following vacant positions in various Faculties in the University. The successful candidate will play a vital role in supporting teaching, research, and outreach activities related to the fields.

A. FACULTY OF AGRICULTURE

i. Laboratory Technician in Environmental Engineering

QUALIFICATIONS

Minimum of a Bachelor's degree in Environmental Engineering or any closely related field obtained from a recognized University with a **Credit**. Candidates with a Master's degree in the required field will have an added advantage.

2. FACULTY OF LIFE SCIENCES AND NATURAL RESOURCES

i. Laboratory Technician in Computer Science

QUALIFICATIONS

Minimum of a Bachelor's degree in Computer Science or Software Engineering obtained from a recognized University with a **Credit**. Candidates with a Master's degree in the required field will have an added advantage.

ii. Laboratory Technician in Food Science and Technology

QUALIFICATIONS

Minimum of a Bachelor's degree in Food Science and Technology or Food Chemistry obtained from a recognized University with a **Credit**. Candidates with a Master's degree in the required field will have an added advantage.

iii. Laboratory Technician in Chemistry

QUALIFICATIONS

Minimum of a Bachelor's degree with a major in Chemistry obtained from a recognized University with a **Credit**. Candidates with a Master's degree in the required field will have an added advantage.

iv. Laboratory Technician in Human Ecology

QUALIFICATIONS

Minimum of a Bachelor's degree with a major in Human Ecology or Consumer Sciences or any closely related field obtained from a recognized University with a **Credit**. Candidates with a Master's degree in the required field will have an added advantage.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- Minimum of 3 years' relevant experience in a technical support role in a recognized University or research institution.
- Ability to operate, maintain, and troubleshoot equipment relevant to the field.
- Experience in handling research data, laboratory tests, and statistical tools.
- Experience in conducting experiments, managing records, and maintaining quality standards.
- Good communication and interpersonal skills to work with students and faculty.
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team.
- High level of integrity and professionalism.
- Strong organizational skills with attention to detail.
- Experience in laboratory and safety procedures.

SPECIFIC DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Academic and Research Support

- Assisting in the preparation and delivery of practical sessions for students in related fields
- Supporting academic staff in the design and execution of research projects in related fields.
- Assisting in data collection, analysis, and report writing for research and consultancy activities.
- Providing guidance on the proper use of tools and equipment.
- Assisting in workshops, practical sessions, and research projects.
- Maintaining stock of lab or workshop materials, chemicals, and equipment.
- Requesting procurement of supplies when necessary.
- Keeping accurate records of resource usage and disposal.

2. Equipment Operation and Maintenance:

- Operating specialized equipment related to the field.
- Performing routine maintenance and troubleshooting technical issues.
- Ensuring all equipment complies with safety and operational standards.

3. Quality Control and Compliance:

- Collecting and analyzing samples for research or quality assurance purposes.
- Ensuring work processes comply with industry and institutional standards.
- Conducting safety checks and enforcing health and safety regulations.
- Managing data collection and ensuring accuracy in reporting.

4. Other Responsibilities

- Collaborating with stakeholders in the livestock industry to enhance practical learning and industry exposure for students.
- Performing any other duties as assigned by the Head of Department.

Terms and Conditions of Engagement

All the successful candidates will be engaged on an initial 2-year contract before they can be considered for permanent appointment based on satisfactory performance. Remuneration will be in line with LUANAR Staff Regulations and Conditions of Service (2023) applicable to staff on fixed-term contract.

Mode of Application

Hard copy application package should include an up-to-date Curriculum Vitae (CV), names and contact details of three traceable referees one of which should be of a current employer where applicable plus copies of **certified** academic and professional qualifications. The title of the position **must** be indicated on the envelope and sent 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, 24th July, 2026**. Only shortlisted candidates will be acknowledged.

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