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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

LUANAR Postgraduate Programmes for the Semester I of 2026/2027 Academic Year

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The Lilongwe University of Agriculture and Natural Resources (LUANAR) is inviting applications from suitably qualified persons for admission into its Postgraduate programmes for Semester I of the 2026/2027 academic year commencing in August / September 2026.

PROGRAMME INFORMATION AND ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Minimum generic entry requirements for admissions:

PHD PROGRAMMES	MSC. AND POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA PROGRAMMES	BSC (HONOURS) & POSTGRADUATE CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS
A relevant master's degree obtained from an accredited institution of higher learning. Candidates 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one example of a scientific publication in print or electronic format as well as a description of any published or unpublished research, thesis, contributions to professional or scholarly literature, and other professional or academic experiences relevant to an assessment of the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.	A relevant bachelor's degree with a minimum of a strong pass of a cGPA of 2.60 obtained from an accredited institution of higher learning.	A relevant BSc degree with a cGPA of at least 2.60 obtained from an accredited institution of higher learning.
A brief curriculum vitae having an overview of education, work experience (employed, self-employed, business), publications, and other professional activities as well as at least two references from persons in academic and professional communities.		
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.		

Conditional Offers: Assessment of candidates 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.

Option for redirection: In the event the program being applied for is full, or for some reasons not considered, candidates may be redirected to an alternative program of choice on the form. Only those candidates that tick the box for redirection will be considered.

ANNUAL TUITION AND ADMINISTRATIVE FEES IN US DOLLARS (US$)

PROGRAM	LOCAL (MALAWIAN)	INTERNATIONAL (NON-MALAWIAN)
MSc, PG Diploma, Honors	2500.00	3574.00
PhD	3000.00	3600.00

For research and living costs at LUANAR, the fee structure available on the website provides a guiding clue.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Applicants will be required to submit their applications via LUANAR's online admissions application portal. Firstly, an applicant must create an account on the admissions application portal by clicking https://luanar.ac.mw/pgapps/new_user_form_postg.php. After creating an account, an applicant must click https://luanar.ac.mw/pgapps/ to login into the application system and complete the application by filling in all the information required. The form will require to be fully completed before submission, including attaching relevant documents and application fee deposit slip.

In case there are technical problems with submission or attaching documents, and for inquiries, kindly send an email to academics@luanar.ac.mw with copy to ict@luanar.ac.mw and bndfpgs@luanar.ac.mw. You may also write The University Registrar, LUANAR, Bunda College, P.O. Box 219, Lilongwe, (Attention Admissions Office – PGS Applications).

A complete application package MUST include:

i	An appropriate application form available online (PGDMP-2025/2026 for postgraduate);
ii	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;
iii	Original proof of availability of funds for training i.e., official scholarship award/ sponsorship letter;
iv	Two letters of recommendation, at least one from a faculty member of your previous institution;
v	Proof of payment of an appropriate application fee bearing the name of the applicant and the amount of application fee paid (International applicants with forex transaction restrictions should indicate so they settle at admission).

APPLICATION FEE

All applicants are STRICTLY required to DEPOSIT a non-refundable application fee of K10,000.00 for Malawians and U$20.00 for international applicants to the following LUANAR bank account:

	NATIONAL BANK OF MALAWI
ACCOUNT NAME	LUANAR Student Rentals
ACCOUNT TYPE	Current
ACCOUNT NUMBER	1000969806
BRANCH	Lilongwe Branch
SWIFT CODE	NBMAMWMW008

Note: A copy of the deposit slip bearing the name of the applicant should be attached to the application submission.

SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION FORM

A duly completed application form together with relevant attachments should be submitted online. You will receive proof of submission and will be able to track your application.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIVING APPLICATIONS SEMESTER I ADMISSION IS 10th JULY 2026. FOR SUBSEQUENT SEMESTER, LUANAR APPLICATION PORTAL IS OPEN AND CANDIDATES ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY IN ADVANCE.

LIST OF PROGRAMS OFFERED AT LUANAR

PROGRAMME	CAMPUS	MODE OF DELIVERY	ENROLMENT	SPECIFIC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
PhD in Agricultural and Resource Economics	Bunda College	Full time (coursework & research)	Sem 1	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	Sem 1 & Sem 2	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	Sem 1 & Sem 2	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	Sem 1 & Sem 2	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	Sem 1	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	Sem 1 & Sem 2	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	Sem 1 & Sem 2	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	Sem 1 & Sem 2	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	Sem 1 & Sem 2	A Master's Degree in Forestry, Agroforestry, Social Forestry, Horticulture, Crop Science or other relevant sciences with a cGPA of at least 2.6

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PhD in Food Systems	Bunda College, Bunda Campus	Full-time by Course Work and Research	Sem 1	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)	Sem 1 & Sem 2	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.
PhD in Data Science	Bunda College, Bunda Campus	Full-time by Course Work and Research	Sem 1	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)	Sem 1	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.

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MSc. In Agricultural and Applied Economics	Bunda College, Bunda Campus	Full time (1 year course work and 1 year research)	Sem 1	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)	Sem 1	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 (Leadership; Curriculum Theory)	Bunda College, Bunda Campus	Full time (1 year course work and 1 year research)	Sem 1	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)	Sem 1	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)	Sem 1	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

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MSc in Machinery Systems Engineering	Bunda College, Bunda Campus	Full time (1 year course work and 1 year research)	Sem 1	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
MSc in Food Process Engineering	Bunda College	Full time (1 year course work and 1 year research)	Sem 1	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)	Sem 1 & Sem 2	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)	Sem 1 & Sem 2	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)	Sem 1 & Sem 2	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)	Sem 1 & Sem 2	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)	Sem 1 & Sem 2	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)	Sem 1 & Sem 2	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)	Sem 1 & Sem 2	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)	Sem 1 & Sem 2	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

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MSc. in Animal Science	Bunda College, Bunda Campus	Full time (1 year course work and 1 year research)	Sem 1	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
MSc. in Aquaculture and Fisheries Science	Bunda College, Bunda Campus	Full time (1 year course work and 1 year research)	Sem 1 & Sem 2	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)	Sem 1 & Sem 2	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)	Sem 1	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)	Sem 1 & Sem 2	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)	Sem 1 & Sem 2	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)	Sem 1 & Sem 2	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)	Sem 1 & Sem 2	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

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MSc. In Gender and Development	Bunda College, City Campus	Full time (1 year course work and 1 year research)	Sem 1	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)	Sem 1 & Sem 2	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.
Post-Graduate Diploma in Clinical Dietetics	Bunda College, Bunda Campus	Full time (1 year course work and 8 months internship)	Sem 1	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)	Sem 1	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)	Sem 1	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)	Sem 1	A BSc degree in Agronomy, Agriculture, Crop and Soil Sciences, or any relevant field with a cGPA of at least 2.6

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BSc (honours) in Plant Breeding	Bunda College, Bunda Campus	Full time (1 year course work)	Sem 1	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)	Sem 1	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)	Sem 1	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)	Sem 1	A BSc degree in Seed Systems, Agronomy, Agriculture, Crop and Soil Sciences, or any relevant field with a cGPA of at least 2.6
University Certificate of Education (UCE)	Bunda College	Full time (coursework & research), Facilitated through blended mode (face to face and on-line)	Sem 1 & Sem 2	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)	Sem 1	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.

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