



## CARD – IFPRI POST GRADUATE RESEARCH (PGR) SCHOLARSHIPS



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### Background

The Centre for Agricultural Research and Development (CARD) at Lilongwe University of Agriculture and Natural Resources (LUANAR) has received funding from the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) under the United States Aid for International Development (USAID) Titukulane Project. The financial support aims to strengthen local capacity of both students and faculty members through imparting pivotal research and analytical skills during the implementation of the National Resilience Strategy (2018 – 2030). This contractual collaboration came into effect on February 5, 2024 and is in line with the Operational Plan (2023 – 2025) for CARD which has the following broad research thematic areas (i) Agricultural Productivity, Diversification, and Mechanization; (ii) Agricultural Trade, Commercialization, and Value Chain Development; (iii) Resilient Agri-Food Systems, Partnership, and Governance; (iv) Environment, Life under Water, Climate Change, and Sustainable Development; and (v) Research Translation and Policy Influence.

### Call for Application

LUANAR- CARD is therefore inviting applications from current LUANAR Postgraduate (PG) (i.e. Masters) students to be considered for a CARD-IFPRI PGR Research Scholarship. The students should be registered for study in any Academic Department at LUANAR, and are in second semester of 1<sup>st</sup> year or are in second year of study. The scholarship recipient will be expected to conduct research to answer any of the following questions:

1. How have Titukulane interventions improved livelihood options for youth?
2. What combinations of interventions effectively enhance climate resilience?
3. What success factors and bottlenecks influence gender participation in resilient income generation activities?
4. What are the impacts of nutrition interventions on expected health and nutrition outcomes across various gender groups?
5. How effective is the Wali Wali/WASH campaign in influencing behaviour change and sustaining targeted behaviours?
6. What factors and approaches determine sustainable WASH and nutrition intervention outcomes?
7. How do cash transfers influence social behaviour change to sustain health and nutrition practices?
8. What factors affect the effective implementation of disaster risk management plans at the community level?

9. What lessons can be learned from layering and sequencing Integrated and sustainable catchment management interventions?
10. What drive effective government-led National Resilience Strategy coordination at the district level?
11. How does the livestock intervention in the Titukulane project facilitate the integration of other interventions, thereby promoting increased income, improved nutrition, and resilience among the project participants?
12. How does the integration of livestock with other catchment management interventions influence resilience building outcomes?

## Other Information

- CARD will provide research funds to 12 successful PG students.
- The funding is valid for utmost one year.
- The Scholarship is expected to start from March 01, 2024.
- All applicants will be informed of the outcome of their application through email.
- Students that already have a Research Scholarship or Grants are not eligible.
- Selected Masters students will be supervised by a member of faculty from their department and two co-Supervisors, one from CARD and another from the Africa Centre of Excellence in Agricultural Policy Analysis (APA).
- The research work will be conducted in Mangochi and Zomba districts.
- For more information, email: Dr. Innocent Pangapanga-Phiri through [ipangapanga@luanar.ac.mw](mailto:ipangapanga@luanar.ac.mw)
- LUANAR is an equal opportunity University hence females are encouraged to apply.

## Application Process

- Submit (i) one page Cover letter and (ii) five (5) pager concept note to [hr@luanar.ac.mw](mailto:hr@luanar.ac.mw) with a copy to [card@luanar.ac.mw](mailto:card@luanar.ac.mw) by 22:00hrs of **February 26, 2024**.
- The five (5) pager Concept note should include i) the Background, ii) the Problem Statements and Rationale, iii) the Study objective, and iv) the Research Questions, and v) the Methodology, excluding references.