



**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS:
MSc AND PhD SCHOLARSHIPS**

CROP AND SOIL SCIENCES DEPARTMENT

The Department of Crop and Soil Sciences at Bunda College of Lilongwe University of Agriculture and Natural Resources (LUANAR) inviting application from highly motivated and qualified persons (male or female) for Master of Science degree in Agronomy scholarships (2 students); and PhD Crop and Soil Science scholarship (1 student). The successful candidates will conduct their research under a collaborative peanut production packages project titled “Developing agronomic packages for peanut production in Malawi,” funded by the USAID Feed the Future - Peanut Innovation Lab being implemented by North Carolina State University and LUANAR. The main objective of the project is to determine the cumulative value of combining peanut production interventions, develop a production and management guide for peanut production in Malawi and surrounding countries. The successful candidates should be ready to start their MSc or PhD training program in August 2024, 2024/2025 academic year

Areas of Research

For the MSc Agronomy program, the students will conduct research in the following areas: groundnut input packages for different contexts, weeds and pests (nematodes) management in groundnut. The PhD student will focus on soil health, tillage and crop rotations for optimising groundnut productivity and quality.

Eligibility- MSc Agronomy Scholarship

- Candidates must be enrolled in MSc Agronomy program at Bunda College, LUANAR
- A Bachelor of Science degree in Agronomy or General Agriculture with at least a credit; and must have passed the core courses in agronomy
- Self-motivated and creative
- Good communication and analytical skills,
- A high degree of personal integrity

Application package- MSc Scholarships

Please include the following in your application package;

- Concept note focusing on the research area provided above (2 pages maximum)
- Certified copy of BSc academic transcript
- Certified copy of BSc certificate
- Admission letter for the MSc Agronomy program at LUANAR,
- Curriculum Vitae with three traceable referees,
- A reference letter

Eligibility- PhD Crop and Soil Sciences Scholarship

- Candidates must be enrolled in PhD Crop and Soil Sciences program at Bunda College, LUANAR
- A Master of Science degree in Agronomy with at least a credit (GPA 3.0); and must have passed the core courses in agronomy, a strong background in soils and tillage
- Self-motivated and creative
- Experience in implementation of research
- Good communication and analytical skills
- A high degree of personal integrity

Application package – PhD scholarship

Please include the following in your application package;

- Concept note focusing on the research area provided above (2 pages maximum)
- Certified copy of BSc and MSc academic transcripts
- Certified copy of BSc and MSc certificates
- Admission letter for the PhD Crop and Soil Sciences program at LUANAR,
- Curriculum Vitae with three traceable referees,
- A reference letter

Scholarship package

The scholarship will cover tuition fees, stipend and research costs. The successful candidate should make sure that they complete their MSc program within two years; and three years for the PhD program

How to Apply

Send the package to the following address:

The Head, of Crop and Soil Sciences Department

Lilongwe University of Agriculture and Natural resources

P.O. Box 219, Lilongwe.

Or via email to: bnddcss@luanar.ac.mw

Copy to : wmhango@luanar.ac.mw; knjira@luanar.ac.mw

Applications should reach the Department of Crop and Soil Sciences by **24th June 2024**. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.

Please mark **“Peanut Production Packages Scholarships – MSc Agronomy”** or **“Peanut Production Packages Scholarships – PhD Crop and Soil Sciences** on the envelope.