



# AN INVITATION FOR APPLICATIONS FOR POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMMES - 2023 INTAKE

The Malawi University of Business and Applied Sciences (MUBAS), through the Office of Postgraduate Studies, is pleased to invite applications for the Postgraduate Programmes in its four Schools. The programmes will commence in **April, 2023** and are as follows:

## A. SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC SCIENCES

### 1. Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Commerce

- a. PhD in Entrepreneurship
- b. PhD in Strategic Management
- c. PhD in Financial Management

**Candidates for PhD programmes must have** a relevant Masters or MPhil degree from recognized institutions. The PhD programme is for 3 years.

#### Fees and Expenses

**US\$10,000 (Paid in MK Equivalent)** for the whole PhD programme payable to the institution will cater for tuition, supervision and examination costs. Research expenses will vary from candidate to candidate based on the nature of research; however, indicative figures of **US\$4,500** for the whole PhD programme may be used for budgeting purposes.

### 2. Master of Business Administration (MBA)

#### Target Audience

The programme is designed to suit middle or senior level managers from commercial, industrial, non – profit making or public sector organizations, especially those who would like to prepare themselves for a more challenging senior position.

#### Venues

Blantyre:	Florence House, MUBAS
Lilongwe:	KUHES, Lilongwe campus, formerly Kamuzu College of Nursing

#### Entry Requirements

An accredited University degree in any field or a relevant professional qualification such as ACCA, CIMA, CA(M), CFA, CPS etc., plus a minimum of three (3) years' work experience at a middle management position after obtaining the qualification. **Those with a strong pass shall have an added advantage.** Candidates who exited the programme with a Postgraduate Diploma in Business Administration, on grounds other than academic withdrawal, shall be eligible to join the second year to complete their dissertation, provided it is within three years after exiting.

#### Programme Fees

Successful applicants will be required to pay tuition and thesis fees of Malawi Kwacha equivalent of **US\$7,650**. The programme is offered on **non-residential** basis for 2 years.

#### Mode of Delivery

Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays; from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

## B. SCHOOL OF EDUCATION, COMMUNICATION AND MEDIA STUDIES

### 1. Master of Technical and Vocational Education (MTVE)

Applicants must have a Bachelor's degree in Technical Education or its equivalent from a recognised university or institution, with a **minimum average grade of 55%**. The minimum average is computed based on final year grades. For applicants with grade point average (GPA) grades, please note that the requirement is a minimum GPA of **2.5**.

#### Tuition Fees

Successful applicants will be required to pay a tuition fee of Malawi Kwacha equivalent of **US\$4,500** for domiciled and SADC students and **US\$6,000.00** for other international students for the duration of the programme. The programme is offered on a non-residential basis for both full-time (2 years) and part-time (4 years) options.

## C. SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING

### 1. Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Engineering

- a. PhD in Engineering (Industrial Management)
- b. PhD in Engineering (Infrastructure Development and Management)
- c. PhD in Engineering (Power and Machines)
- d. PhD in Engineering (Telecommunications)
- e. PhD in Engineering (Sustainable Engineering and Management)
- f. PhD in Engineering (Transport Systems)

### 2. Master of Philosophy (MPhil.) in Engineering

- a. MPhil in Engineering (Industrial Management)
- b. MPhil in Engineering (Infrastructure Development & Management)
- c. MPhil in Engineering (Power and Machines)
- d. MPhil in Engineering (Telecommunications)
- e. MPhil in Engineering (Transport Systems)

**Applicants for PhD programmes MUST have:** A relevant Masters or MPhil degree from a recognized institution. The PhD programme is for 3 years.

**Applicants for MPhil. programmes MUST have:** An Honours degree in the First or Upper Second Division or a Bachelor's degree with at least a **minimum average grade of 55%**. The minimum average is computed based on final year grades. For applicants with grade point average (GPA) grades, please note that the requirement is a minimum GPA of **2.5**. Candidates with a Bachelor's degree will be required to accumulate 60 credits of taught modules relevant to the selected MPhil. research area. The MPhil. programme is for 2.5 years duration.

#### Fees and Expenses

- i. **US\$10,000 (Paid in MK Equivalent)** for the whole PhD programme payable to the institution will cater for supervision and examination costs with an indicative figure of **US \$ 4,500** for research, and;



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ii. **US\$5,500 (Paid in MK Equivalent)** for the whole MPhil. programme **payable to the institution** will cater for tuition, supervision and examination costs with an indicative figure of **US\$3,500** for research.

3. **Master of Science in Sustainable Engineering and Management (MSEM)**

The programme has two pathways in Facilities and Water. Applicants for the Facilities pathway must have a Bachelor's degree with a **minimum average grade of 55%**. The minimum average is computed based on final year grades. For applicants with grade point average (GPA) grades, please note that the requirement is a minimum GPA of **2.5**.

Applicants for the Water pathway must have a Bachelor's degree with a **minimum average grade 55%**. The minimum average is computed based on final year grades. For applicants with grade point average (GPA) grades, please note that the requirement is a minimum GPA of **2.5**.

Successful applicants will be required to pay a tuition fee of **US\$6,500 (Paid in Malawi Kwacha equivalent)**. The programme duration is 2 years offered on block release and non-residential basis.

4. **Master of Science in Infrastructure Development and Management (IDM)**

Applicants to be considered under this programme should have at least a Bachelor's degree in Applied Sciences, Engineering, Urban, District and Regional Planning, Architecture and Surveying from any recognized institution of higher learning with a **minimum of average grade of 55%**. The minimum average is computed based on final year grades. For applicants with grade point average (GPA) grades, please note that the requirement is a minimum GPA of **2.5**.

Successful applicants will be required to pay a tuition fee of **US\$6,500 (Paid in Malawi Kwacha equivalent)**. The programme duration is 2 years offered on block release and non-residential basis.

5. **Master of Science in Sustainable Energy (MSE) September, 2023 intake**

This Masters Programme is part of the Transforming Energy Access - Learning Partnerships (TEA-LP) Project, implemented at MUBAS and at other selected African Universities. The Programme has been developed with support from DFID through University of Cape Town. The programme has 2 streams; Energy Access and Energy Management. The Energy Access stream is ideal for physical scientists, who, after the study would provide solutions to energy access challenges using physical science and engineering. On the other hand, Energy Management stream is for those who are not necessarily physical scientists but are from fields such as commerce and social science.

**Applicants for the Energy Access stream** must have a Bachelor's degree in science or engineering or renewable energy or built environment or technical education.

**Applicants for the Energy Management Stream** must have: a relevant Bachelor's degree in science or engineering or built environment, or renewable energy or technical education or commerce or social science.

In both streams, the applicants must have a **minimum of a strong average Pass of 55%**. The minimum average is computed based on final year grades. For applicants with grade point average (GPA)

grades, please note that the requirement is a minimum GPA of **2.5**. The qualifications must be obtained from institutions that are accredited by recognized Higher Education Regulators.

Successful applicants will be required to pay a tuition fee of **US\$6,500** Malawi Kwacha equivalent for the programme duration of 2 years. The Programme is offered on block release and non-residential basis.

## D. SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

### 1. Doctor Of Philosophy in Applied Sciences (PhD)

- PhD Applied Sciences (Environmental Sanitation)
- PhD Applied Sciences (Renewable Energy)
- PhD Applied Sciences (Public Health Engineering)
- PhD Applied Sciences (Information Technology)
- PhD Applied Sciences (Industrial Process Technology)
- PhD Applied Sciences (Environmental Protection and Management)
- PhD Applied Sciences (Environmental Health)
- PhD (Applied Mathematics)
- PhD (Applied Statistics)

### 2. Master of Philosophy in Applied Sciences (MPhil.)

- MPhil Applied Sciences (Environmental Sanitation)
- MPhil Applied Sciences (Renewable Energy)
- MPhil Applied Sciences (Industrial Process Technology)
- MPhil Applied Sciences (Environmental Protection and Management)
- MPhil Applied Sciences (Environmental Health)
- MPhil (Applied Mathematics)
- MPhil (Applied Statistics)

**Applicants for PhD programmes MUST have:** A relevant Masters or MPhil. degree from a recognized institution. The PhD programme is for 3 years.

**Applicants for MPhil. programmes MUST have:** an Honours degree in the First or Upper Second Division or a Bachelor's degree with at least a Credit or a strong average grade of 55%. The minimum average is computed based on final year grades. For applicants with grade point average (GPA) grades, please note that the requirement is a minimum GPA of 2.5.

Candidates with a Bachelor's degree will be required to accumulate 60 credits of taught modules relevant to the selected MPhil. research area. The MPhil. programme is for 2.5 years duration.

## Fees and Expenses

- US\$10, 000 (Paid in MK Equivalent)** for the whole PhD programme **payable to the institution**, will cater for tuition, supervision and examination costs. An Indicative figure of **US\$4,500** for research for the whole PhD programme, and;
  - US\$5,500 (Paid in MK Equivalent)** for the whole MPhil. programme **payable to the institution**, will cater for tuition, supervision, and examination costs. An indicative figure of **US\$3,500** for research for the whole MPhil. programme for budgeting purposes.
3. **Master of Science in Environmental Health (MEH) September, 2023 Intake**

**Applicants must have** a Bachelor's degree from any recognized institution



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of higher learning in pure, natural or applied sciences with a **minimum average grade of 55%**. The minimum average is computed based on final year grades. For applicants with grade point average (GPA) grades, please note that the requirement is a minimum GPA of **2.5**.

#### 4. Master of Science in Environmental Protection and Management (MEPM)

**Applicants must have** a Bachelor's degree from any recognized institution of higher learning in natural or applied sciences with a **minimum average grade of 55%**. The minimum average is computed based on final year grades. For applicants with grade point average (GPA) grades, please note that the requirement is a minimum GPA of **2.5**.

#### 5. Master of Science in Occupational Safety and Health (MOSH)

**Applicants must have** a Bachelor's degree in a discipline related to occupational safety and health such as Environmental Health, Environmental Sanitation, Environmental Engineering and Chemistry or relevant subject area, with a **minimum average grade of 50%**.

#### 6. Master of Science in Sanitation

The MSc. in Sanitation is part of the Global Sanitation under the auspices of the Global Sanitation Graduate School (GSGS) – IHE-Delft in The Netherlands with support from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. The programme is jointly implemented by the **Department of Physics and Biochemical Sciences** and **Department of Environmental Health**.

**Applicants MUST have a minimum average grade of 50%** in any Applied Science or equivalent undergraduate degree. Candidates with a Pass must have not less than 1 year of work-related experience in the WASH sector. The programme has three exits: Postgraduate University Certificate, Postgraduate Diploma and MSc. depending on completion of modules and dissertation.

#### Fees Structure

Fees for the programme shall be Malawi Kwacha equivalent of **US\$6,500** for domicile and SADC students. International students from countries outside the SADC region shall pay **US\$7,500**. Fees are subject to change from time to time. The fees cover tuition and dissertation supervision. Research fees for students who want to conduct their research using University laboratory will depend on the type of research.

#### APPLICATION PROCEDURE FOR PhD AND MPhil. APPLICANTS

A complete PhD or MPhil. application package **MUST INCLUDE**:

- A non-refundable application fee of **MK30,000** for Malawian applicants and **US\$60.00** for international applicants;
- A completed postgraduate application form;
- Certified/sealed academic transcripts** of all previous university courses taken including percentage scores where necessary. The transcripts must be certified by a **Commissioner of Oath** or **Notary certified Lawyers**;
- Certified copies** of relevant certificates. The copies of degree must be certified by a **Commissioner of Oath** or **Notary certified Lawyers**;
- An abstract of master's research or dissertation (for PhD applicants only);
- A concept paper relating to the proposed research topic which should not be more than 5 pages long. The concept note must include the following;

- ◇ Introduction
- ◇ Problem statement
- ◇ Research objective
- ◇ Preliminary literature review
- ◇ Methodology
- ◇ References

vii. **Sample academic writing** i.e., publications, conference reports, etc., which adhere to the broad conventions of academic publishing (i.e., contain an up-to-date review of relevant literature, a description of relevant research methods and an evaluation of results, etc.) and which identify the applicant as a significant contributor (maximum of 30 pages);

viii. A letter from an **academic referee** at postgraduate level and a letter from a **professional referee**;

ix. A detailed latest Curriculum Vitae.

**Please note that PhD and MPhil. candidates may apply for placement at any time of the academic year.**

#### APPLICATION PROCEDURE FOR MASTERS APPLICANTS

A complete Master's Programme application package **MUST INCLUDE**:

- A completed application form;
- An updated Curriculum Vitae;
- 1 Academic Reference** letter and **1 professional reference** letter;
- Certified/sealed** academic transcripts. The transcripts must be certified by a Commissioner of Oath or Notary certified Lawyers;
- Certified copies of relevant certificates. The copies of degree must be certified by a **Commissioner of Oath** or **Notary certified Lawyers**;
- A non-refundable application fee of **MK20,000** for Malawian applicants and **USD60.00** for international students.

#### APPLICATION METHOD

- You can email your application along with accompanying documents to: [applications-postgraduate@mubas.ac.mw](mailto:applications-postgraduate@mubas.ac.mw)  
**OR**
- You can send your physical application to the following address:

**The Registrar**  
**Att' Office of Postgraduate Studies**  
**MUBAS,**  
**Private Bag 303,**  
**Chichiri, Blantyre 3**

#### IMPORTANT!!

Application fees **MUST** be remitted to the following bank account;

Account name:	Polytechnic Revenue
Bank:	National Bank, Chichiri Branch
Account number:	737461
Swift Code:	NBMAMWMW

**Closing Date for receiving applications is Friday, 30th December, 2022.**

For more information about the programmes and the Application Forms visit MUBAS website [www.mubas.ac.mw](http://www.mubas.ac.mw)

**OR**

Contact the Postgraduate Office as follows:

**Tel:** + (265) 1 870 648/0999 968 971 OR

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