



Norwegian University
of Life Sciences

SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS IN MALAWI (FOODMA) PROGRAMME

Call for PhD Graduate Assistantships

INTRODUCTION

Lilongwe University of Agriculture and Natural Resources (LUANAR) in collaboration with the Norwegian University of Life Sciences (NMBU) through the Sustainable Food Systems in Malawi (FoodMa) Programme being coordinated by the Programmes Coordination Office (PCO) intends to offer Graduate Assistantships (GA) to current and prospective students to be enrolled at LUANAR.

GENERAL GUIDANCE

The awarding of the assistantships is governed by equal and fair competition, with respect to the advertisement, eligibility, evaluation and selection criteria. The Programme Advisory Committee (PAC) for FoodMa Programme shall approve these assistantships.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. Candidates are invited to apply to pursue any of the PhD programmes at LUANAR.
2. Prospective candidates should be ready to start the PhD programme in October 2022 and December for prospective students after being admitted.
3. The successful Graduate assistants will conduct research in the FoodMa Programme impact areas of Rumphu, Mzimba, Kasungu, Dowa and Mchinji covering any of the following areas:
 - a) Food system governance, policies, and institutions.
 - Analyzing the role of documented policies on biofortification, food processing, value addition, job creation and private sector development
 - Conducting policy network analysis for the agri-food system in Malawi
 - b) Assess agro-biodiversity, farming systems, and seed security.
 - Assess seed systems for nutrient dense crops, livestock and fish

c) Climate change and, Sustainable Agriculture Intensification (SAI)

- Develop and promote biotic and abiotic (stress) tolerant strains for crops, livestock and fish
- Mainstream agricultural diversification and sustainable intensification in education curriculum
- Evaluate the methods for transferring nutrition education to men, women and youth through randomized control trials

Assistant package and LUANAR Obligations

The assistants will be expected to work for a maximum of 10 hours per week in teaching and conducting laboratory sessions in addition to their academic research. In return, LUANAR will waive 100% tuition fees and other administrative related fees.

DEADLINE

In order to express interest, potential assistants will have to apply using application forms that can be accessed from the Programmes Coordination Office (PCO) upon request. The applicants should also submit CV, a research proposal (10 pages maximum) covering any one of the priority areas highlighted above, detailed work plan with milestones and a research budget. The application package should be submitted to pco@luanar.ac.mw with copies to bndfpgs@luanar.ac.mw. The closing date for receiving applications is **07th October 2022**.