



# ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

**In order to be eligible to participate in the Call for Ideas, launched by MUBAS each applicant must meet all of the following criteria as of 1st September 2023:**

- ✓ Applicant must have a new business idea.
- ✓ Be an individual over 18 years of age and under 35 years of age.
- ✓ Applicants need to be Malawian citizens with a National ID number.
- ✓ Have a traceable physical residential location within the District of Blantyre
- ✓ Have attained an education level to a minimum of JCE.
- ✓ Be willing to register their business at the appropriate time.
- ✓ Have received their latest educational qualification (for example JCE, a course with a TEVET institution etc) within the past five years.
- ✓ Demonstrate an intention to grow their business in future and provide employment opportunities for Malawians.
- ✓ The product/service of your idea can only be accepted for the following sectors: manufacturing, mining, finance, health, agriculture, transport, tourism, built environment, energy.
- ✓ Should be able to spend full time for the training and support sessions provided by MUBAS.
- ✓ Be able to cover all necessary transportation, food and accommodation costs in order to participate in the programme.
- ✓ Should be able to provide updates on their activities and progress during their incubation phase.
- ✓ The applicant should not have been involved in an incubation or acceleration before or be currently under incubation or applying to another incubation programme.
- ✓ The product/service cannot be focused on alcohol, gambling, or tobacco sectors.
- ✓ The product/service should not have detrimental environmental impacts, if it does mitigation measures need to be stated.

**Kindly note that the MUBAS management reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to disqualify any individual found giving false information or violating the competition rules.**