



**MUBAS POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMMES
CALL FOR APPLICATIONS
MARCH 2025 INTAKE AND SEPTEMBER 2025 INTAKE**

The Malawi University of Business and Applied Sciences (MUBAS) is pleased to invite eligible candidates to apply for admission into its Postgraduate Programmes. For enquiries contact the Postgraduate Studies Office: +265 999 640 129 OR Email: head-postgraduate@mubas.ac.mw; admin-postgraduate@mubas.ac.mw

APPLICATION METHOD

Email your application along with accompanying documents to:
applications-postgraduate@mubas.ac.mw
applications-postgraduate@poly.ac.mw

- **NOTE THAT PG CANDIDATES CAN APPLY FOR ADMISSION ANY TIME DURING THE ACADEMIC YEAR.**
- **PG PROGRAMMES COMMENCEMENT DATES: MARCH AND SEPTEMBER.**
- **THE CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIVING APPLICATIONS FOR MARCH 2025 INTAKE IS 29 NOVEMBER, 2024.**
- **THE CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIVING APPLICATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2025 INTAKE IS 30 MAY, 2025.**

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

APPLICATION PROCEDURE FOR PHD APPLICANTS

A complete PhD application package **MUST INCLUDE:**

- i. Proof of payment of the application fee (A non-refundable application fee of **MK30,000** for Malawian applicants and **US\$60.00** for international applicants)
- ii. Completed PG programmes application form.
- iii. Certified copy of academic transcript/ academic record.
- iv. Certified copies of relevant certificates.

- v. A sample of the applicant's written academic work (journal papers, books, conference papers, conference reports, etc).
- vi. Abstract of master's degree research study.
- vii. A concept note relating to the proposed research of not more than five (5) pages (topic, introduction, problem statement, research objective, preliminary literature review, methodology, and references).
- viii. Reference letters from two (2) traceable referees (one academic and one professional).
- ix. Recent curriculum vitae.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE FOR MPhil APPLICANTS

A complete MPhil application package **MUST INCLUDE:**

- i. Proof of payment of the application fee (A non-refundable application fee of **MK30,000** for Malawian applicants and **US\$60.00** for international applicants)
- ii. Completed PG programmes application form.
- iii. Certified copy of academic transcript/ academic record.
- iv. Certified copies of relevant certificates.
- v. A concept note relating to the proposed research of not more than five (5) pages (topic, introduction, problem statement, research objective, preliminary literature review, methodology, and references).
- vi. Reference letters from two (2) traceable referees (at least one academic).
- vii. Recent curriculum vitae.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE FOR MASTER'S DEGREE OR POSTGRADUATE CERTIFICATE APPLICANTS

A complete Master's programme or Postgraduate Certificate application package **MUST INCLUDE:**

- i. Proof of payment of the application fee (A non-refundable application fee of **MK20,000.00** for Malawian applicants and **US\$60.00** for international applicants)
- ii. Completed PG programmes application form.
- iii. Certified copy of academic transcript/ academic record.
- iv. Certified copies of relevant certificates.
- v. Reference letters from two (2) traceable referees (at least one academic).
- vi. Recent curriculum vitae.

A. SCHOOL OF BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Master of Science in Land Governance ^{New} - September 2025 intake

- a. Applicants must have any of the following degrees: Bachelor of Science in Land Surveying, Bachelor of Science in Physical Planning, Bachelor of Science in Land Economy, Bachelor of Laws, Bachelor of Arts in Development Studies, Bachelor of Science in Geography, Bachelor of Science in Land Management or any relevant built environment degree from an accredited institution of higher learning.
- b. Candidates with a first degree and a pass in a field other than those specified in (a) above must possess at least two years of experience in land governance, and

The programme is **non-residential** and the duration is 2 years full time.

Fees Structure

Successful applicants shall be required to pay the Malawi Kwacha equivalent of **US\$5,500.00** for domicile and SADC students and **US\$6,500.00** for other international students to cater for tuition, research project supervision and dissertation examination.

B. SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC SCIENCES

1. Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) - September 2025 intake

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

Applicants must have a relevant Master's or MPhil degree from an accredited university. The duration of the PhD programme is 3 years full time.

Fees Structure

Successful applicants shall be required to pay the Malawi Kwacha equivalent of **US\$ 10,000** for the whole PhD programme to cater for tuition, supervision and thesis examination.

2. Master of Business Administration (MBA) – September 2025 intake

Target Audience

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

Venues: Blantyre and Lilongwe

Entry Requirements

An accredited university degree in any field or a relevant professional qualification such as ACCA, CIMA, CA(M), CFA, CIPS etc., plus a **minimum of three (3) years' work** experience at a management position after obtaining the relevant qualification. Those with a strong pass shall have an added advantage.

The programme is offered on a **non-residential** basis and the duration is 2 years full time.

Candidates who exited the programme with a **Postgraduate Diploma**, on grounds other than academic withdrawal, shall be eligible to join the second year to complete the dissertation, provided it is within three years after exiting.

Fees Structure

Successful applicants shall be required to pay the Malawi Kwacha equivalent of **US\$7,650.00** to cater for tuition, research project supervision and dissertation examination.

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

3. Postgraduate Certificate in Taxation (PG CERT) ^{New} – March 2025 intake

Target Audience

The programme is designed for any Bachelor's degree holder from an accredited institution of higher learning who would like to develop a career in Taxation.

The programme is offered on a non-residential basis and the duration is one-year full time.

Fees Structure

Successful applicants shall be required to pay K2,550,000 for the entire programme duration to cater for tuition and examinations.

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

C. SCHOOL OF EDUCATION, COMMUNICATION AND MEDIA STUDIES

1. Master of Arts in Health and Behaviour Change Communication (MHBCC) – September 2025 intake

Applicants must have a bachelor's degree in any of the following: environmental health, communication, health promotion, health education, journalism, media studies, humanities or any other related field. **Those with a strong pass (average grade of at least 55%) shall have an added advantage.**

Fees Structure

Successful applicants shall be required to pay the Malawi Kwacha equivalent of **US\$5,500.00** for domicile and SADC students and **US\$7,000.00** for other international students to cater for tuition, research project supervision and dissertation examination. The programme is offered on a non-residential basis and the duration is 2 years full time.

Venues: Blantyre and Lilongwe* (***dependent on student numbers**)

2. Master of Arts in Media Studies (MMS) - September 2025 intake

Applicants must have a bachelor of arts degree in Journalism, Media Studies, Mass Communication, Business Communication or any communication related discipline from an accredited higher education institution. **Those with a strong pass (average grade of at least 55%) shall have an added advantage.**

Candidates with a first degree and **at least a strong pass** in a field other than those specified above must possess at least relevant experience in a media, journalism or communication related field.

The programme is offered on a **non-residential** basis and the duration is 2 years full time.

Fees Structure

Successful applicants shall be required to pay the Malawi Kwacha equivalent of **US\$5,500.00** for domicile and SADC students. and **US\$6,500.00** for other international students to cater for tuition, research project supervision and dissertation examination.

Venues: Blantyre and Lilongwe* (***dependent on student numbers**)

3. Master of Education (Technical and Vocational Education) – MEd (TVE) September 2025 intake

Applicants must have a Bachelor's degree in Technical Education, Bachelor's degree in Education (Business Studies) or its equivalent from an accredited university or institution of higher learning. **Those with a strong pass (average grade of at least 55%) shall have an added advantage.**

The programme is offered on a **non-residential** basis and the duration is 2 years full time.

Fees Structure

Successful applicants shall be required to pay the Malawi Kwacha equivalent of **US\$4,500.00** for domicile and SADC students and **US\$6,000.00** for other international students to cater for tuition, research project supervision and dissertation examination.

4. Master of Arts in Development Communication

- a. Applicants **must have** a Bachelor of Arts degree in Development Studies, International Development, Sociology, Community Development, Journalism, Media Studies, Mass Communication, Business Communication or any communication related discipline from an accredited university or institution.
- b. Applicants with a pass and a degree in a non-communication field must possess at least two years' experience in a development or communication related field.

Fees Structure

Successful applicants will be required to pay the Malawi Kwacha equivalent of **US\$5,500.00** for Malawian students and **US\$7000.00** for international students to cater for tuition, research project supervision and dissertation examination. The programme is offered on a non-residential basis and the duration is 2 years full time.

D. SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING

1. Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Engineering - September 2025 intake

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

Applicants for PhD programmes MUST have a relevant Masters or MPhil. degree from an accredited university or institution. The PhD programme is for 3 years full time.

Fees Structure

Successful applicants shall be required to pay the Malawi Kwacha equivalent of **US\$10,000.00** to cater for tuition, supervision and thesis examination.

2. Master of Philosophy (MPhil) in Engineering - September 2025 intake

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

Applicants for MPhil. programmes MUST have a Bachelor's degree in Engineering or relevant field with a minimum average grade of 55% or GPA of 2.5 in the final year. Subject to the evaluation of the Bachelor's degree, candidates may be required to accumulate 60 credits of taught modules relevant to the selected MPhil. research area.

The duration of the programme is two and half years full time.

Fees Structure

Successful applicants shall be required to pay the Malawi Kwacha equivalent of **US\$5,500.00** to cater for tuition, supervision and thesis examination.

3. Master of Science in Civil Engineering – September 2025 intake

Master of Science in Civil Engineering is a new programme introduced to equip students with advanced conceptual understanding, detailed factual knowledge, and specialist technical skills in Civil Engineering. The programme has common modules, and specialised elective modules leading to specialisation in any of the following five pathways:

- a. Water Engineering
- b. Structural Engineering
- c. Transportation Engineering
- d. Geotechnical Engineering
- e. Construction Management

Applicants must have a relevant bachelor's degree in the field of Civil Engineering or any related discipline from an accredited university. Candidates with a pass must have a minimum of 2 years

of work experience. For applicants with grade point average (GPA) grades, the requirement is a minimum GPA of **2.5**

The programme duration is 2 years full time offered on block release and non-residential basis.

Fees Structure

Successful applicants shall be required to pay the Malawi Kwacha equivalent of US **US\$6,500.00** for domicile and SADC students and, **US\$7,500.00** for other international students. Depending on the nature of the research, additional research fees may apply

4. Master of Science in Infrastructure Development and Management (IDM) – September 2025 intake

Applicants must at least have a bachelor's degree in Applied Sciences, Engineering, Urban, District and Regional Planning, Architecture and Surveying or equivalent from any accredited higher education institution.

The programme duration is 2 years full time offered on block release and non-residential basis.

Fees Structure

Successful applicants shall be required to pay the Malawi Kwacha equivalent of US\$6,500.00 to cater for tuition, supervision and dissertation examination.

5. Master of Science in Sustainable Energy (MSE) - September 2025 intake

This Masters Programme is part of the Transforming Energy Access - Learning Partnerships Project, implemented at MUBAS and other selected African Universities. The Programme has been developed with support from DFID through the 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 sciences and engineering. On the other hand, the Energy Management stream is for those who are not necessarily physical scientists but are from fields such as commerce and social science.

- i. Applicants for the Energy Access** stream must have a bachelor's degree in science, engineering, renewable energy, built environment, or technical education or equivalent obtained from any accredited higher education institution.
- ii. Applicants for the Energy Management** stream must have a relevant bachelor's degree in science, engineering, built environment, renewable energy, technical education, commerce, or social science or equivalent obtained from any accredited higher education institution.

The programme duration is 2 years offered on block release and non-residential basis.

Fees Structure

Successful applicants shall be required to pay the Malawi Kwacha equivalent of **US\$6,500.00** to cater for tuition, supervision and dissertation examination.

E. SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

1. Doctor of Philosophy in Applied Sciences (PhD) - MARCH 2025 INTAKE

- a. PhD in Applied Sciences (Applied Mathematics)
- b. PhD in Applied Sciences (Applied Statistics)
- c. PhD in Applied Sciences (Environmental Health)
- d. PhD in Applied Sciences (Environmental Protection and Management)
- e. PhD in Applied Sciences (Industrial Process Technology)
- f. PhD in Applied Sciences (Information Systems)
- g. PhD in Applied Sciences (Information Technology)
- h. PhD in Applied Sciences (Public Health Engineering)
- i. PhD in Applied Sciences (Renewable Energy)
- j. PhD in Applied Sciences (Water Resources Management)

Applicants for PhD programmes MUST have a relevant Master's or MPhil degree from an accredited higher education institution.

The PhD programme duration is 3 years full time.

Fees Structure

Successful applicants shall be required to pay the Malawi Kwacha equivalent of **US\$10, 000.00** for the whole PhD programme to cater for tuition, supervision and thesis examination.

2. Master of Philosophy in Applied Sciences (MPhil) - MARCH 2025 INTAKE

- a. MPhil in Applied Sciences (Applied Mathematics)
- b. MPhil in Applied Sciences (Applied Statistics)
- c. MPhil in Applied Sciences (Data Analytics)
- d. MPhil in Applied Sciences (Environmental Health)
- e. MPhil in Applied Sciences (Environmental Protection and Management)
- f. MPhil in Applied Sciences (Industrial Process Technology)
- g. MPhil in Applied Sciences (Information Systems)
- h. MPhil in Applied Sciences (Information Technology)
- i. MPhil in Applied Sciences (Public Health Engineering)
- j. MPhil in Applied Sciences (Renewable Energy)
- k. MPhil in Applied Sciences (Water Resources Management)

Applicants for MPhil. programmes MUST have an honours degree in the first or upper second division or a bachelor's degree with **an average grade of at least 55%**. The average grade is computed based on final year grades. For applicants with grade point average (GPA) grades, 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 duration is two and half years full time.

Fees Structure

Successful applicants shall be required to pay the Malawi Kwacha equivalent of US **US\$5,500** for the whole MPhil programme to cater for tuition, supervision, and thesis examination.

3. Master of Science in Data Analytics (MDA) – September 2025 intake

The Master of Science in Data Analytics is a new programme introduced in the Department of Computer Science and Information Systems. The programme aims to equip students

with advanced expertise in data analytics for analysing problems and decisions that can be answered by data. The specialised areas include AI, machine learning, data science, data governance, data visualisation, cloud computing and big data, advanced techniques, programming toolkits, and industrial and societal application scenarios.

Applicants must have a relevant Bachelor's degree in Information Technology/Systems, Computer Science, Business and related fields from any accredited higher education institution. Applicants having other degrees should have work experience in data management and analysis.

The programme duration is 2 years offered on block release and non-residential basis.

Fees Structure

Successful applicants shall be required to pay the Malawi Kwacha equivalent of **US\$6,500.00** for domicile and SADC students and **US\$7,500.00** for other international students to cater for tuition, research project supervision and dissertation examination.

4. Master of Science in Environmental Health (MEH) - September 2025 intake

Applicants must have a bachelor's degree with an average grade of at least **50%**. The average grade is computed based on final year grades. For applicants with grade point average (GPA) grades, the requirement is a minimum GPA of **2.0**. The applicant must specialise in Environmental Health, Public Health or any other related field from any accredited higher education institution.

The programme duration is 2 years offered on a non-residential basis.

Applicants with a Postgraduate Diploma in Environmental Health shall be re-admitted into the programme for another one year to complete and submit their dissertation with the full cost of fees for the year.

Fees Structure

Successful applicants shall be required to pay the Malawi Kwacha equivalent of **US\$6,500.00** for domicile and SADC students and **US\$7,500.00** for other international students to cater for tuition, research project supervision and dissertation examination.

Research fees for students who want to conduct their research using University laboratory will depend on the type of research.

5. Master of Science in Environmental Protection and Management (MEPM) – September 2025 intake

Applicants must have a relevant bachelor's degree in Pure, Natural or Applied Sciences from any accredited higher education institution.

The programme duration is 2 years offered on a non-residential basis.

Fees Structure

Successful applicants shall be required to pay the Malawi Kwacha equivalent of **US\$6,500.00** for domicile and SADC students and **US\$7,500.00** for other international students to cater for tuition, research project supervision and dissertation examination. Research fees for students who want to conduct their research using University laboratory will depend on the type of research.

6. Master of Science in Occupational Safety and Health (MOSH) – September 2025 intake

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

The programme duration is 2 years offered on a non-residential basis.

Fees Structure

Successful applicants shall be required to pay the Malawi Kwacha equivalent of **US\$6,500.00** for domicile and SADC students and **US\$7,500.00** for other international students to cater for tuition, research project supervision and dissertation examination. Research fees for students who want to conduct their research using University laboratory will depend on the type of research.

7. Master of Science in Sanitation – September 2025 intake

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 **the Department of Environmental Health**.

Applicants MUST have a relevant bachelor's degree in any Applied Science or equivalent undergraduate degree.

The programme duration is 2 years offered on a non-residential basis.

Fees Structure

Successful applicants shall be required to pay the Malawi Kwacha equivalent of **US\$6,500** for domicile and SADC students and **US\$7,500.00** for other international students to cater for tuition, research project supervision and dissertation examination. Research fees for students who want to conduct their research using University laboratory will depend on the type of research.

8. Master of Science in Water Resources Management (MWRM) – September 2025 intake

Applicants must have a relevant bachelor's degree in Pure, Natural or Applied Sciences from any accredited higher education institution. The programme duration is 2 years offered on a non-residential basis.

Fees Structure

Successful applicants shall be required to pay the Malawi Kwacha equivalent of **US\$6,500.00** for domicile and SADC students and **US\$7,500.00** for other international students to cater for tuition, research project supervision and dissertation examination. Research fees for students who want to conduct their research using a University laboratory will depend on the type of research.