CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Recruitment of External Supervisors and External Examiners for Postgraduate Programmes (2026–2029)

The Malawi University of Science and Technology (MUST) invites Expressions of Interest from suitably qualified and experienced academics, researchers and industry practitioners for appointment as External Supervisors and Examiners for its postgraduate programmes. The appointment will be for a three-year term, covering the 2026/2027 to 2028/2029 academic years, and is open to candidates with expertise in the following thematic areas:

1	Applied Chemical Engineering	9	Disaster Risk Management	17	Mathematical Modelling
2	Applied Mathematics	10	Entrepreneurship	18	Medical Microbiology
3	Biodiversity Informatics	11	Environmental Science and Technology	19	Minerals and Mining Governance
4	Biomedical Engineering	12	Geo-Information Science	20	Music
5	Business Leadership	13	Infection and Immunity	21	One Health
6	Computer Science	14	Information Technology	22	Power and Energy Systems
7	Data Science	15	Innovation and Development	23	Science Communication
8	Diagnostic Ultrasound	16	Maternal and Neonatal Health	24	Water Utilization, Waste and Health Engineering

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

1. External Supervisors

1.1 Provide academic guidance and mentorship to postgraduate students (Master's and PhD).

1.2 Support students in refining research proposals, methodologies and data analysis.
1.3 Offer constructive feedback on draft theses/dissertations.
1.4 Ensure timely progress reporting to the University Postgraduate Coordinator.

2. External Examiners

2.1 Examine Master's and PhD theses/dissertations.
2.2 Participate in final oral examinations where required.
2.3 Submit written examination reports on the quality of the thesis/dissertation and candidate's performance.
2.4 Undertake any other examination-related duties assigned by the University.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants Qualities

1.1 Be distinguished academics, researchers or industry experts affiliated with a recognised university, research institution or professional organisation.
1.2 Possess a doctoral degree or equivalent qualification in a relevant field; exceptional industry experts with a proven track record may be considered.
1.3 Have a minimum of three years' post-doctoral or equivalent professional experience.
1.4 Demonstrate a strong publication record and/or evidence of impactful industry contributions within the last five years.
1.5 Have proven experience in postgraduate supervision, examination or professional mentorship.

WHAT IS REQUIRED FROM THE APPLICANT

Interested candidates should submit:

1.1 Application letter stating the following mandatory information:
(i) Current institution or organisation of affiliation.
(ii) Highest academic or professional qualification(s).
(iii) Area(s) of academic specialization or industry specialization.
(iv) Programme(s) for which they wish to be considered as a Supervisor/Examiner.
1.2 Updated and detailed Curriculum Vitae (CV).
1.3 Copies of academic and/or professional qualifications.
1.4 Names and contact details of three traceable referees (one of whom should be a current employer or a professional associate).

REMUNERATION AND TENURE FOR THE POSITIONS

The successful candidates for the above advertised positions shall be entitled to supervision/examination fees and reimbursement of approved expenses incurred in the execution of their duties in accordance with the MUST Staff Regulations and Conditions of Service.

PREVENTION OF SEXUAL EXPLOITATION AND ABUSE

MUST has a zero-tolerance policy on sexual exploitation and abuse. Therefore, applicants for the above vacancies must be willing to abide to the MUST Policy on Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse.

MODE OF APPLICATION

Interested candidates who meet the requirements for above advertised position should submit their applications with an updated curriculum vitae and copies of their academic and professional qualifications by **Friday, 11th December, 2026**.

Applications must be addressed to:

The University Registrar
Malawi University of Science and Technology
P.O. Box 5196
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Applications should be submitted through the MUST website: careers.must.ac.mw

Only shortlisted applicants will be acknowledged