



MALAWI UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR 2022/23 POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

MSc in BIODIVERSITY INFORMATICS AND MSc in DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT

The Malawi University of Science and Technology (MUST) is inviting applications from suitably qualified candidates to pursue two-year Master of Science (MSc) programmes in Biodiversity Informatics and Disaster Risk Management. Both programmes are offered under the Ndata School of Climate and Earth Sciences (NSCES).

1, MSc in Biodiversity Informatics

The programme aims to equip students with skills in mobilizing, managing, publishing and using biodiversity data to inform decision making processes in conservation, agriculture, water resource management, spatial planning and health. The programme is offered on a full time basis, with course work covered in the first year and dedicated research leading to an MSc thesis in the second year.

Admission Requirements

Candidates must have the following:

- a. A Bachelor's degree from any recognized and accredited university in a relevant field
- b. Evidence of practical and relevant experience in related fields for those with degrees in other fields

2, MSc in Disaster Risk Management

This programme is aimed at building capacity and expertise in managing disaster risks and dealing with disasters. It will impart knowledge and skills for minimizing both economic and human losses arising from natural and anthropogenic hazards. The programme is designed to train professionals and equip them with in-depth knowledge and skills to deal with disasters and their interrelated global issues in the areas of climate change, global warming and socio-economic implications.

Admission Requirements

The programme will build upon the prior knowledge and experience of the students with a relevant undergraduate degree in the fields of geography, earth sciences, climate

sciences, resource/agricultural economics, social sciences, environmental sciences, water resources, and other related fields. Those with an Honours degree in the fields listed above shall also be eligible for enrolment/admission.

The programme is looking for candidates with the following minimum qualifications and/or experience:

- a. A Bachelor's degree in a relevant field with a credit; OR
- b. A Bachelor's degree with a pass and at least two years of industrial experience.

Application process

To be considered, applicants must submit the following mandatory requirements:

- i. A completed postgraduate application form available at MUST Registry or on MUST website (www.must.ac.mw, under Media Center, then Downloads);
- ii. A motivational statement (2 pages maximum);
- iii. Curriculum Vitae ;
- iv. Certified copies of academic certificates;
- v. Certified copies of academic transcripts;
- vi. Proof of funding, for example sponsorship letter or copies of appropriate financial records for self-sponsored students or letter of undertaking to pay the required fees from the applicants or their parent/guardian or sponsor with evidence of reliable source of income;
- vii. Two reference letters (one academic and one professional); and
- viii. An original bank deposit slip/proof of payment of a non-refundable application fee of MK10,000 for Malawians and SADC nationals and US\$50 for all other international students. Payment of application fees should be made into the following bank account:

Bank Name:	Standard Bank
Branch:	Limbe
Account Name:	MUST Students Account
Type of Account:	Current Account
Account Number:	9100001063429
Swift Code:	SBICMWMX

Fees for the Programmes

Tuition fees for both programmes are US\$5000 or Malawi Kwacha equivalent per academic year. Limited tuition scholarships are available for the MSc in Biodiversity

Informatics programme for SADC and Malawian applicants.

Submission for Applications

The deadline for receiving completed applications is 19 May, 2022.

For enquiries, please email: n-s-c-e-s@must.ac.mw; Or call +265 1478279/ +265 1478000.

Online payments: Application fees can also be paid online through the [MUST website](#)

Completed application forms should be sent to:

The University Registrar

Malawi University of Science and Technology

P.O. Box 5196,

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Email: admissions@must.ac.mw; copy: n-s-c-e-s@must.ac.mw