

PROGRAMME ANNOUNCEMENT



University of Malawi Bunda College of Agriculture Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics

DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (PhD) IN AGRICULTURAL AND RESOURCE ECONOMICS

Bunda College University of Malawi invites applications from suitably qualified candidates for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Agricultural and Resource Economics, which is scheduled to start in August 2008. This is a joint regional training programme by 12 Universities in Eastern and Southern Africa under the Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture (RUFORUM).

The programme is designed for 3.5 years (full time) and will consist of 3 semesters (1.5 years) of taught courses and (2 years) of research thesis work and skill enhancement training. Students may specialize in one of the following areas;

- **Resource and Environmental Economics**
- **Agricultural Production Economics**
- **Agricultural Marketing**
- **Agricultural Policy**
- **Trade and Development**
- **Institutional, Behavioural and Health Economics**

Limited scholarships are available on competitive basis through RUFORUM (see www.ruforum.org). Interested candidates are therefore encouraged to source own funding. The estimated cost of training for the programme is US\$50,000. This will cover administration fees, tuition, research and student welfare.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The following are required for your application to be complete:

- Two copies of completed application forms
- A Master's Degree in Economics, Agricultural Economics, Environmental Economics and related fields from a recognized University as evidenced by original transcripts, diplomas, certificates, etc
- Reference letters from three persons in the professional and academic communities

- At least one year of work experience in the public or private sectors or voluntary/ community based organizations and international and non governmental organizations
- A brief curriculum vitae that provides an overview of education, work experiences, publications and other professional activities
- At least one evidence of scientific publication in any format (print or electronic). The potential student should describe fully any published or unpublished research, thesis contributions to the professional or scholarly literature and any other professional and academic experience relevant to an assessment of his or her capacity to pursue doctoral study successfully
- A two page concept of the proposed research which should address key development issues

Applications forms and details about the programme can be downloaded from Bunda College or RUFORUM websites, i.e., www.bunda.unima.mw and www.ruforum.org respectively, or by writing to:

The Registrar
Bunda College, University of Malawi
P.O. Box 219
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Malawi
Email: pgsr@bunda.unima.mw

or:

RUFORUM Secretariat
Plot 151 Garden Hill
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Deadline: Applications should reach the addresses shown on or before 30th April 2008