CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

MASTER OF ARTS IN APPLIED MUSIC RESEARCH



The University of Malawi (UNIMA) invites applications from suitably qualified candidates for admission into the Master of Arts in Applied Music Research (MA in Applied Music Research) programme offered by the Department of Music and Dance in the School of Arts, Communication and Design.

The Master of Arts in Applied Music Research is the pioneer postgraduate music degree in Malawi, designed to bridge music theory, performance, technology, ethnomusicology, the music economy, and cultural entrepreneurship. The programme is designed to encourage research in music that applies findings to real-world scenarios to test its efficacy, discover cutting-edge innovations, and improve ways of doing things across the academia, creative industries, and developmental sectors.

I. SPECIFIC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Bachelor's Degree in any music-related field passed with at least a Credit; or
- A Bachelor's Degree with a high pass in any music-related field and a minimum of two years' relevant work experience; or

- Honours Degree in any music-related field; or
- Postgraduate Diploma in any music-related field; or
- Another Master's degree in any music discipline

II. METHOD OF APPLICATION

Interested applicants should submit their applications online through the University of Malawi Application Portal. Applications must be accompanied by the following supporting documents:

Curriculum Vitae (CV): A detailed and updated CV highlighting the applicant's academic background, professional experience and achievements, including the names and contact details of at least two traceable referees.

Academic Certificates and Transcripts: Certified or notarised copies of relevant academic certificates and academic transcripts.

Letters of Recommendation: Two reference letters, preferably one from an academic referee and one from a professional referee. Referees must be traceable, and their contact details should be clearly provided.

Evidence of Financial Support: Evidence of sponsorship or financial capacity to meet tuition and research costs, such as a formal sponsorship commitment letter or bank statement.

Proof of Payment: A copy of the deposit slip as evidence of payment of the applicable non-refundable application fee.

Application Fee

A non-refundable application fee of **K25,000.00** for Malawian applicants and **US$35.00** for international applicants is payable upon application.

Procedure for Submitting Applications

Applications must be completed and submitted online through the University of Malawi Application Portal using the link below:

https://admission.unima.ac.mw/

Application Deadline: **30th November 2026.**

III. FEE STRUCTURE

MK2, 500, 000 per year for Malawian nationals (K5, 000,000 for the entire programme) and US$2,500 per year for international students.

IV. FOR FURTHER INQUIRIES & CONTACT DETAILS

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