



Terms of References for Adjunct Research Fellows

Background

The MwAPATA Institute (MwAPATA or the Institute) is an independent policy think tank in Malawi established to inform and guide national policy debates related to agriculture, natural resources, and rural transformation. The mission of MwAPATA is to conduct independent, objective, empirical research aimed at providing innovative and practical recommendations to inform agricultural sector policies in Malawi. The aim of the Institute is to accelerate the adoption of effective policies and programs to drive broad-based agricultural transformation, diversification, and improved smallholder well-being through the generation of evidence. The Institute plays a leading role in identifying strategies that will improve the investment climate, and promote agricultural productivity, diversification and commercialization. The Institute is affiliated with the National Planning Commission (NPC) and the Lilongwe University of Agriculture and Natural Resources (LUANAR) and is currently receiving technical and institutional development support from Michigan State University (MSU).

To enhance the institute's ability to fulfill its mission and aim, the Institute wishes to recruit highly motivated, proactive service-oriented, and energetic individuals to fill the positions of Adjunct Research Fellows.

The Adjunct Research Fellows

Adjunct Research Fellows will be affiliates of the MwAPATA Institute and employed as – needed to fulfill specific tasks. These will form a pool of experts upon which the institute will call upon to implement specific research projects as supplementary support to the full-time staff. The MwAPATA Institute will engage Adjunct Research Fellows in the following fields: agricultural economics, environmental and natural resource economics, environmental law, nutrition, climate change, gender, and agricultural finance.

Tasks

Adjunct Research Fellows may be called upon to:

1. Conduct research and policy analysis in their respective fields.
2. Produce research outputs such as reports, working papers, policy briefs, and publishable journal manuscripts.
3. Participate in outreach activities organized by the MwAPATA Institute.
4. Provide internal reviews of work by MwAPATA researchers and other adjunct research fellows.

5. Performing other tasks as may be agreed upon between the Institute and the Researcher.

Preferred Qualifications

1. A Doctorate degree in relevant field.
2. A minimum of three (3) years post-doctorate degree experience.
3. Demonstrated ability to publish in peer-reviewed journals with at least five (5) articles published in high-impact journals.
4. Demonstrated ability to effectively design and implement surveys.
5. Ability and experience in managing internal and external relationships with project teams, donors, and collaborators.

Mode of Application

Please email detailed curriculum vitae and cover letter to recruitment@mwapata.mw stating the field of study in which you would like to serve as an Adjunct Research Fellow.

All applications should be submitted by Tuesday, 14th February 2023.