



## Vacancy Announcement

MwAPATA Institute is an independent policy think tank in Malawi, established to inform and guide national policy issues related to agriculture, natural resources and rural transformation. The mission of MwAPATA Institute 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 Malawian-led policies and programs to drive broad-based agricultural transformation, diversification and improved smallholder incomes and nutrition in Malawi. The Institute plays a leading role in identifying strategies that will improve investment climate, promote agricultural productivity, diversification, and commercialization. The Institute is affiliated to the National Planning Commission (NPC) and the Lilongwe University of Agriculture and Natural Resources (LUANAR) and is currently receiving technical and institutional support from the Michigan State University.

MwAPATA Institute wishes to recruit a highly motivated, proactive service-oriented and energetic individual to fill the following position based in Lilongwe:

### Research Fellow

The successful candidate will plan, coordinate and implement research and policy analysis programs in accordance with the Institute's strategy, policy, and procedures and funder requirements. He/she will create research teams and collaborations that understand the Institute's research direction; and communicate direction of research in order to inspire team members to reach research goals. The Research Fellow will closely work with the Institute leaders and assist in developing a strong MwAPATA Institute visibility and support establishment of the Institute as a strong partner to Government, the NGO community and private sector in agriculture, natural resources and rural transformation. This will involve assisting in the day-to-day implementation of project field activities, including monitoring of progress, learning and policy dialogue events and support in the field and performing the following specific duties:

*Key tasks shall include:*

1. Conducting research and policy analysis on agricultural, natural resources management, and rural transformation policy issues.
2. Preparing research reports, working papers, policy briefs, and publishable journal manuscripts.
3. Writing of research concepts and contributing to the Institute's fundraising efforts.
4. Translating research into concrete policy guidance and support for implementation.
5. Identifying opportunities for private investment and entry into key agricultural commodity value chains with the potential to drive agricultural transformation in Malawi.
6. Organizing and participating in workshops, seminars, and conferences for policy engagements and dissemination of research outputs and outcomes.
7. Preparing research project budgets.
8. Peer reviewing research work by other researchers.
9. Collaborating with other local, regional and international research institutions on policy analysis issues.
10. Coordination and collaboration with Government Ministries, Departments and Agencies.
11. Performing any other duties as may be assigned.

*Qualifications and skills*

1. A Doctorate degree in Development Economics, Agricultural Economics, Economics, Policy Management, or related field with a minimum of 3 years post-graduate experience.
2. Demonstrated ability to publish in peer-reviewed journals.
3. Proficiency in quantitative research methods, the analysis of household survey data, and the use of Stata, SPSS or similar statistical analysis software packages.
4. Demonstrated ability to effectively design and implement survey data collection activities.
5. Specific experience in relating to government and private sector as key stakeholders.
6. Strong interpersonal skills, ability and experience in managing internal and external relationships with project teams, donors, and collaborators.
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8. Experience working in multi-cultural teams.
9. Excellent written and spoken English and at least one Malawian local language.

Please email detailed curriculum vitae and cover letter to [recruitment@mwapata.mw](mailto:recruitment@mwapata.mw) stating the position being applied for in the subject line. Positions are open until filled.