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MZUZU UNIVERSITY

INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY INCUBATION CENTRE

OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUTH TRAINING IN ICT RELATED ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Mzuzu University, through the Information and Communication Technology Incubation Centre, invites applications from youth operating ICT related businesses or harboring ICT related business ideas to undergo a six months training with the University under the Jobs for Youth (J4Y) Project. The training, which has been divided into two phases, will involve three (3) months classroom training at Mzuzu University main campus and its satellite centers and another three (3) months of infield training. Successful candidates will undergo the training from 14th September 2020. The programme is non-residential and candidates will be required to make their own arrangements for meals and accommodation.

Background Information

The Government of Malawi (GoM) through the Ministry of Youth and Sports (MoYS) with support from the African Development Bank (AfDB) is implementing the Jobs for Youth (J4Y) Project. The goal of the J4Y Project is to empower young women and men for improved employability in decent work and sustainable entrepreneurship in Malawi.

Information and Communication Technology Incubation Centre

The Centre will offer training at the University main campus in Mzuzu and its satellite learning centers at Lilongwe and Mulanje.

The Center focuses on helping the targeted youth to navigate the process of taking their business ideas to the market within six (6) months from the day their idea is accepted. Under the programme, the incubation center will support the enrolled youth in their very first steps to develop and refine their business ideas; up to rolling out a business on the market.

The objectives of the Business Incubation services are to:

- (i) Screen and nurture potential business ideas from idea generation to start-up businesses, helping them to survive and grow into successful youth-owned businesses;
- (ii) Build capacity of the Incubates in entrepreneurship, business management, business planning, mentoring, coaching, marketing, networking, etc. to help them establish, grow, accelerate, and succeed in their businesses; and
- (iii) Provide hands-on technical management assistance, access to business advisory services and networking (market linkages).
- (iv) Facilitate the process of linking successful business ideas to Labour, Youth, Sports and Manpower Development for possible funding of businesses.

Entry Requirements and Criteria for selection

- I. Applicants should be at least 18 years of age and not more than 35 years of age at the time of application and
- II. Applicants should have a feasible business idea and/or existing scalable business. Those with small enterprises that demonstrate the highest employment opportunities for the youth as well as innovative ideas aimed at promoting ICT sector will have added advantage.

Fees

Tuition is sponsored by Government of Malawi (GoM) through the Ministry of Youth and Sports (MoYS) with support from the African Development Bank (AfDB).

Boarding and Lodging

This is a non-residential programme and candidates are required to arrange for their own meals and lodging during face-to-face incubation sessions.

Application procedure

Eligible applicants should submit their applications which must include the following:

1. Completed application form available at j4y.mzuni.ac.mw or <https://ict.mzuni.ac.mw>
2. A copy of curriculum vitae which include three traceable referees
3. A copy of National ID
4. Letter of reference from previous school, Village head or church

Completed application documents should be sent by post to:

**J4Y Admissions
University Registrar
Mzuzu University
Private Bag 201
Luwinga
MZUZU 2**

Or by email to: ict@mzuni.ac.mw

Female applicants will have an added advantage.

The applications and other accompanying documents should be received not later than **20 August 2020**. Only short-listed applicants will be contacted.

Further enquiries about the programme may be directed to the Programme Coordinator at ndeavu.s@mzuni.ac.mw or call (265) 0995164604 or Head of ICT Department at nyirenda.m@mzuni.ac.mw or call (265) 0999259325