

**COLLEGE OF MEDICINE**

**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMMES**

The College of Medicine (CoM) was established in 1991 as a constituent college of the University of Malawi with a mission “*to be an academic centre of excellence in the training of doctors and other health professionals in clinical service and medical research, responsive to the health needs of Malawi and its neighbours within the Southern African region”*. Through postgraduate training, CoM expects to develop and mentor clinicians, public health practitioners and scientists who will become leaders and game-changers in their areas of speciality to transform the health sector in Malawi and globally. In pursuit of its mission, the CoM is inviting applications from suitably qualified candidates to undergo training in the following postgraduate programs:

# Master of Science in Bioinformatics

This is a 2-year MSc programme with course work in the first year and research in the second year. Field specialisation will be done in the second year based on one’s research project. The programme is suitable for applicants with a background in science subjects such as Computer Science, Mathematics, Biological Sciences, Laboratory Sciences, Medical Sciences, Statistics, Physics, Chemistry and any other relevant mathematical sciences discipline. MSc Bioinformatics graduates are equipped to pursue careers in use and development of bioinformatics tools for storage and analysis of large molecular biology datasets in research and medical institutions. Bioinformaticians also make excellent systems administrators or managers in an ICT environment. Details of this programme are available on the College of Medicine website ([www.medcol.mw](http://www.medcol.mw))

## Admission Requirements

1. Bachelor’s degree in any of the science fields with a minimum of a strong pass from any recognized university;
2. Prior Research/work experience or scientific publications will be an added advantage;

The deadline for receiving MSc applications is **20 August 2020** for admissions scheduled **for the next academic year.**

## Applications for all postgraduate programs should include:

1. A completed postgraduate application form. The forms are available at [www.medcol.mw](http://www.medcol.mw)/application-forms/or CoM Central Registry
2. Academic transcripts
3. Authenticated copies of academic certificates
4. Authenticated copies of professional registration certificates where applicable
5. Letter of release from employers (if employed)
6. Proof of funding (e.g. sponsorship agreement letter). Where applicants intend to sponsor themselves, copies of appropriate financial records must be submitted e.g. bank reference.
7. Reference letters (one academic and one professional)

A non-refundable application fee of MK10000.00 for Malawians and $30 for non-Malawians.

Payment should be made to:

COM Postgraduate Pool

National Bank Of Malawi

Chichiri Branch

Account Number : 698881

Current Account

Applications that do not meet the requirements stated above will not be processed.

**Completed application should be sent:**

The Registrar

College of Medicine

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Blantyre 3, Malawi

Attention: Assistant Registrar (Academic)

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