**FIT-Hub Incubation Program 2025**

Application Form

**The Food Innovation and Technology Hub (FIT-Hub) within the Center for Resilient Agri-Food Systems (CRAFS) at the University of Malawi, is currently seeking innovators to join their FIT-Hub Incubation Program 2025.**

Food Innovation and Technology Hub (FIT-Hub) aims to promote and nurture a culture of entrepreneurship and inventions on Agri-food systems and product development and processing innovations in Malawi, while ensuring intellectual property protection. FIT-Hub is dedicated to advancing resilient agri-food systems through research, innovation, and collaboration. Successful applicants/ innovators will be guided through a step-by-step innovation ecosystem that will ultimately lead to the commercialization of their products and services. Interested teams or individuals are invited to fill in your information offline and then transfer to the online form for submission.

**Deadline for application: 30th May 2025 - submit application ONLINE**

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| Title (Prof/Rev/Ms/Mrs/Mr/ Dr., …) |  | | | | |
| First Name(s) (Team leader) |  | | | | |
| Surname (Team leader) |  | | | | |
| Nationality |  | | | | |
| National ID/Student ID |  | | | | |
| Address |  | | | | |
| Email |  | | | | |
| Phone Numbers |  | | | | |
| WhatsApp Number |  | | | | |
| Social Media/Website LinkedIn / Research Gate /  Academia Profile/business website: |  | | | | |
| Business owned |  | | | | |
| Education background |  | | | | |
| Institution affiliated to if any |  | | | | |
| Please list your team leader and members, their roles on the project and expertise | Title and Name | | Expertise and role in the project | | |
|  | | Role: Team Leader  Expertise: | | |
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| What challenge are you trying to solve with your proposed solution/ Innovation/ product?  ***Max 200 words*** |  | | | | |
| What is your Proposed solution/ Innovation/ product? ***Max 300 words*** |  | | | | |
| Describe the potential for commercial viability for your innovation ***Max 200 words*** |  | | | | |
| At what **stage** is your solution/ Innovation/ Product? *(Please tick the right stage)* |  | Idea stage | | | |
|  | Concept stage | | | |
|  | Product Development stage | | | |
|  | Product Testing stage | | | |
|  | Marketing/ Commercialization stage | | | |
|  | Other… | | | |
| Are you currently working with any institution/hub/ organizations/incubator on your solution/ Innovation/ Product? ***Max 100 words*** |  | No | |  | Yes |
| If yes, which one(s)? | | | | |
| Why are you interested in the FIT-Hub incubation program? *(Please tick whichever applicable)* |  | To be trained in Business Grant/Plan Writing | | | |
|  | To receive mentorship | | | |
|  | To access seed grant | | | |
|  | To develop my product | | | |
|  | Other… | | | |

**Innovation Profile**Kindly fill in this section if you have products in the market and or prototypes developed

1. **Products developed and already in the market (add more lines of needed)**

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| SN | Product name | Use of the product / service | Availability for exhibition (yes, no, can be produced) | Registration status (registered/ applied/ not registered) |
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1. **Products in development, prototype available, not upscaled commercially (in the market)**

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1. **Individual Product profile:**

Kindly fill in up to 4 products in order of importance

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| Product name (1) | Photos | Description e.g. small narratives about the product (max 200 words) |
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| Product name (2) | Photos | Description e.g. small narratives about the product (max 200 words) |
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| Product name (3) | Photos | Description e.g. small narratives about the product (max 200 words) |
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| Product name (4) | Photos | Description e.g. small narratives about the product (max 200 words) |
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**Procedure of Application:** Eligible teams or individuals are invited to submit via online form (use this offline form to secure your information before submitting online) at <https://crafs.unima.ac.mw/FIT-HUB/>

**Submission of Application:** Submit the filled ONLINE application form. If you can’t access the online form contact [crafs@unima.ac.mw](mailto:crafs@unima.ac.mw) for support. ***Only shortlisted applicants*** *will be notified by 10th June 2025.* Applicants can seek more information by contacting Dr. Victoria Uchizi Ndolo at +265 884 351 080 (during working hours) or via email: [vndolo@unima.ac.mw](mailto:vndolo@unima.ac.mw).

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For more information about CRAFS and the FIT-Hub, visit our website at <https://crafs.unima.ac.mw/>