MUST Announces 10 TAGDev 2.0 Scholarship Awardees for the 2026/2027 Academic Year



The Malawi University of Science and Technology (MUST) has selected ten (10) students for the TAGDev 2.0 scholarships for the 2026/2027 academic year, following a competitive application, screening, and validation process.

The scholarships are offered under the Transforming African Agricultural Universities to Meaningfully Contribute to Africa's Growth and Development (TAGDev 2.0) programme, implemented by the Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture (RUFORUM) in partnership with the Mastercard Foundation. The programme seeks to expand access to inclusive and transformative higher education, strengthen practical skills and entrepreneurship, and empower young Africans to contribute to agricultural transformation and sustainable development.

For the 2026/2027 academic year, MUST received **511 applications**, of which 479 met the eligibility requirements. A total of 138 applicants applied for scholarships and secured admission. Following the screening process, 31 candidates were selected for validation, with 29 successfully completing the validation exercise. Subsequently, **10 students were selected for scholarships**.

Of the 10 selected scholars, **six are female (60%) and four are male (40%)**. The successful candidates will pursue undergraduate and postgraduate programmes in Food Science and Technology, Applied Chemical Engineering, and Entrepreneurship. These fields are important in developing the technical expertise, innovation, and entrepreneurial capacity needed to address challenges in Africa's agricultural food systems.

MUST and RUFORUM congratulates all 10 scholarship awardees on this achievement and wishes them success in their academic journeys. Their selection represents an important investment in young people who will contribute to Malawi's development and Africa's broader transformation agenda.

The selected scholars and their respective programmes are:

No	Awarded scholar	Gender	Course
1.	Hafashimana Shine	Male	BSc in Food Science and Technology
2.	Phinda Chifundo	Female	BSc in Food Science and Technology
3.	Mzaliwa Neema	Female	BSc in Food Science and Technology
4.	CHIOTCHA MERCY	Female	BSc in Food Science and Technology
5.	Halleluya Tuli Cedrick	Male	BSc in Food Science and Technology
6.	Mbemba Emmanuel	Male	Master of Engineering in Applied Chemical Engineering
7.	Mkwangwanya Deborah	Female	Master of Engineering in Applied Chemical Engineering
8.	Mwale Emma	Female	Master of Science in Entrepreneurship
9.	Roman Erick	Male	Master of Science in Entrepreneurship
10.	Juvita Mphilipili Sindani	Female	Master of Science in Entrepreneurship