

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible to apply for the Zantchito Entrepreneurship Full Incubation Programme, implemented by the MUBAS Business Incubation Centre, you must meet all of the following criteria as of 1st January 2026:

- Applicants must propose a new business idea for development. Support will not be provided for businesses that are already established or currently operated by the applicant.
- Preference will be given to **female** applicants.
- The applicant must be an individual between 18 and 35 years of age.
- Applicants must be Malawi citizens with a National ID number.
- Eligible applicants include students, recent graduates, aspiring entrepreneurs, or individuals with prior entrepreneurial experience who are developing a new venture.
- Applicants must be a current and permanent resident of the **Southern Region** and must intend for their business idea to be established in the **Southern Region**.
- The business idea of the applicant must operate in the following **sectors**:
 - Woodwork
 - Metalwork
 - Integrated technologies in the above two business sectors
- The applicant must be willing to prototype the business idea to the level of registering the business with the Registrar General, at the appropriate time.
- The applicant should aim to establish and grow their business idea in the future and provide employment opportunities for Malawians.



- The applicant should be able to fully commit to the full incubation programme and attend all group-based incubation activities and one-on-one sessions provided by MUBAS.
- The applicant must be willing and able to cover all necessary transportation, food and accommodation costs to participate in all aspects of the programme.
- The applicant should be willing to provide updates on their activities and progress during their participation in the programme and annually thereafter.
- The applicant should not have been involved in an incubation programme before, be currently under incubation or applying to another incubation programme.
- The business idea should not have any relation to the alcohol, gambling, or tobacco sectors and must not have detrimental environmental impacts.
- Proposed business ideas should, to the extent possible, demonstrate positive social and environmental impact, including contributions to job creation, inclusion, environmental sustainability, climate resilience, or other relevant development outcomes considering the chosen areas under the eligibility criteria.
- The applicant must be willing to sign an MoU with MUBAS, agreeing to the above eligibility criteria, conditions and expectations of the programme.

Kindly note that the MUBAS management reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to disqualify any individual found giving false information or violating the programme rules.