



Call for Innovations

Mulungushi University Innovation Fair 2026 (MUIF 2026) *From Campus to Commercialization*

1. Introduction

Mulungushi University invites students, staff, researchers, and innovators to submit their innovations for the **Mulungushi University Innovation Fair 2026 (MUIF 2026)** to take place on the **2nd November, 2026**.

This Call for Innovations supports the University's goal to promote innovative research for development through the establishment of an **Innovation Hub** and **Thematic Centres of Excellence**. The best innovations will receive support to move from idea to market.

2. What We Are Looking For

We want innovative solutions that are:

- **New and Creative:** A fresh approach to a real problem.
- **Practical:** Can be implemented realistically.
- **Scalable:** Can grow and be used across Zambia and beyond.
- **Impactful:** Makes a real difference to communities and the nation.
- **Commercializable:** Has potential to become a product, service, or business.

3. Thematic Areas

Submit your innovation under any of the following areas:

3.1 Aquaculture

- Improved fish breeds and fingerlings
- Affordable fish feeds
- Fish health and disease management
- Aquaculture systems and technologies
- Fish processing and market access

3.2 Artificial Intelligence (AI) & Digital Innovation

- AI for agriculture, health, education, or governance
- Machine learning and data science
- Local language technologies
- Ethical AI and policy
- AI-powered start-ups

3.3 Creative Digital & Media Innovation ➤

Film, television, and animation

- Music and audio production
- Digital storytelling and content creation
- Streaming and distribution platforms
- Creative entrepreneurship

3.4 Health & Medical Technologies

- Diagnostic and therapeutic tools
- Low-cost medical technologies
- Clinical research and innovation
- Medical training and simulation
- Mobile health and telemedicine

3.5 Honey Value Chain & Apiculture

- Modern beekeeping technologies
- Honey and beeswax processing
- Product diversification
- Quality testing and certification

- Market access and export readiness

3.6 Integrated Automotive & Agro-Tech ➤

Agricultural mechanisation

- Farm machinery and equipment
- Automotive systems and components
- Smart agriculture and precision farming
- Post-harvest technologies
- Local manufacturing and fabrication

3.7 Energy Innovations

- Off-grid and rural electrification
- Renewable energy and grid stability
- Energy efficiency and conservation
- Petroleum supply chain ➤ Cross-sector energy solutions

4. Who Can Apply?

- Students and researchers from Mulungushi University
- Faculty and staff from all schools
- Innovation teams (interdisciplinary teams encouraged)
- Early-stage start-ups
- Community innovators
- SMEs and industry partners

5. Benefits

Selected innovators will:

- **Showcase** their innovation at MUIF 2026
- **Network** with investors, industry leaders, and policymakers
- **Get support** for commercialisation and IP management
- **Join** the University Innovation Hub

6. How to Apply

Submit your innovation to:

**The Innovation and Commercialization Officer
Directorate of Research and Innovation Mulungushi
University**

Deadline: Friday, 9th October 2026

What to Submit:

1. **Innovation Summary:** Brief description of your innovation (max 2 pages)
2. **Team Details:** Names and contact information
3. **Problem Statement:** What challenge are you solving?
4. **Proposed Solution:** How does your innovation work?
5. **Implementation Plan:** How will you make it happen?
6. **Impact:** What difference will it make?
7. **Commercialization Plan:** How can it become a product or business?

Evaluation Criteria:

1. Innovation & Originality (20%)
2. Feasibility (20%)
3. Impact & Scalability (20%)
4. Commercialization Potential (20%)
5. Alignment with National Priorities (10%)
6. Community Engagement (10%)