

**APPLICATION FORM FOR POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMMES**

Department of Agricultural Economics, Faculty of Agriculture,

University of Ruhuna, Mapalana, Kamburupitiya

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**APPLICATION FOR MSC in AgERM / MABM / MAED**

This application form must be returned on or before  
30<sup>th</sup> September 2020 to the Assistant Registrar, Faculty of Graduate Studies, University of  
Ruhuna, Matara

**A. PERSONAL**

**1. Name of Applicant:** Enter full name and underline surname

Mr/Mrs/Ms.

Name with Initials:

**2. Address:**

Residence	☐	Fax:	☐
	Email:		

Official:	☐	Fax:	☐
	Email:		

**3. Country of your present citizenship**

**4. Country of Residence**

**5. Place of Birth**  
City/Country

Date of Birth

Y	☐	M	☐	D	☐
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**6. Marital Status**

Single

Married

Widowed

Divorced

**7. Occupation**  
(If any)

**B. EDUCATION**

*(Please start with the most recent. If you need more space, please use a separate sheet and continue under the same headings):*

• Name of Institution, university or professional school	
• Major field of Study or Subjects	
• Dates attended (from/to)	
• Name of Diploma or degree	
• Date received or expected	
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<b>C. WORK EXPERIENCE:</b>		
1. Start with current employment. If you need more space, please use a separate sheet and continue under the same headings.		
Current Employment: <b>Name &amp; Address</b>		
<i>Designation &amp; Department:</i>		
<i>Type of Work:</i>		
<i>Duration (Month/Year):</i>	<i>From:</i>	<i>To:</i>
Previous Employment: <b>Name &amp; Address</b>		
<i>Designation &amp; Department:</i>		
<i>Type of Work:</i>		
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<i>Duration (Month/Year):</i>	<i>From:</i>	<i>To:</i>

**D. Language Proficiency**

1. Native Language					
2. English Language Proficiency  <i>(Put ✓ in appropriate cell)</i>		Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
	Speaking				
	Reading				
	Writing				
3. TOEFL, IELTS (or other) Score Report, if Available (attach a copy)					

**E. Other qualifications and experience (if any)**

Organization	Details

**F. Evidence of Research (If Any)**

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**G. Publications ( if any )**

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**H. Other Special Skills (if any)**

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**I. Other qualifications (Not mentioned above)**

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<b>J. Reasons to follow the MSc program</b>

<b>23. Names of two Academic Referees</b> (confidential reports from the referees should be sent in the given format)	
Name	
Designation	
Address	
Tel. No.(s)	
Fax	
E-Mail	
Name	
Designation	
Address	
Tel. No.(s)	
Fax	
E-Mail	

I certify that all information in my application factually true and honestly presented.

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Date

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Signature

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**CONFIDENTIAL LETTER OF REFERENCE (A)**

Name of Applicant::

How long have you known the applicant?

In what capacity have you known the applicant?

**Employer**

**Supervisor**

**Teacher**

**Professor**

Other (Specify)

3. Please assess the candidate's suitability for the MSc Programme based on his/her educational background, work experience and individual needs for career development

4. In the rating chart below, please evaluate the applicant in comparison with others whom you have known during your professional career. (Tick '√')

	Excellent	Very Good	Average	Below Average
◆ Intellectual Ability				
◆ Knowledge of field				
◆ Work Habits				
◆ Seriousness of purpose				
◆ Resource				
◆ Emotional maturity & initiative				
◆ Dealing with others				

Name and Title:

Business, Government or University Affiliation:

Signature:  
(Rubber stamp if available)

Date:

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**Supervisor**

**Teacher**

**Professor**

Other (Specify)

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## **INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION OF APPLICATION**

### Details of Postgraduate Degree programs

- *Master of Agri-Business Management (MABM)*
- *MSc in Agricultural Economics and Resource Management (MScAgERM)*
- *MSc in Agricultural Economics and Development (MAED)*

### **1. Entry Requirements**

#### **Master of Agri-Business Management (MABM)**

1. *Graduates with first class or second class honors in the special degree programs in Agriculture, Commerce, Management, Business Administration, Food Science and Technology, Economics or related fields from a recognized university.*
2. *Graduates in the above fields with a minimum of one year experience in a recognized institution in the field of Business Management, Entrepreneurship, Agro-based industries or Extension/Development activities.*
3. *Graduates in the fields of Biological Sciences, Economics, Management, Business, Agriculture, Food Science with Post Graduate Diploma in the fields of Management, Entrepreneurship, Agro-processing or related fields.*
4. *A degree in any discipline from a recognized university with a minimum of three years post qualifying work experience in the managerial capacity in the field of agri-business*
5. *A professional qualification that will be considered on a case by case basis, by the board of study with the approval of the Director of Postgraduate studies of University of Ruhuna and a minimum of three years of post qualifying experience in Business Management or related fields*

*and*

***a good working knowledge in English***

#### **Master of Science in Agricultural Economics and Resource Management (MScAgERM)**

1. *Graduates (Preferably a special honors degree) of following disciplines with at least one year experience in development programs in recognized institutions or in a field of natural resource management.*
2. *Graduates (at least lower second class honors) in following disciplines from a recognized university.  
(\*Agriculture, \*Social Sciences, \*Biological Sciences, \*Physical Sciences and \*Management)*

*and*

***a Good working knowledge in English***

- *MSc in Agricultural Economics and Development (MAED)*

*A first class or second class special degree in the fields of Agriculture, Biological Sciences, Commerce, Management, Business Administration, Food Science and Technology, Economics, Sociology, Geography or related fields from a recognized university)*

*or*

*A degree in the fields Agriculture, Biological Sciences, Commerce, Management, Business Administration, Food Science and Technology, Economics, Sociology, Geography or related fields from a recognized university and one year work experience in related fields.*

*or*

*Graduates in any discipline from a recognized university with a minimum of three years post qualifying work experience in the managerial capacity in the relevant fields.*

*or*

*A professional qualification which will be considered on a case by case basis and a minimum of three years of post qualifying experience in Agriculture, Development, Business Management or related fields.*

*and*

***a good working knowledge in English***

### **2. Structure of the study program**

The degree program consists of course work and a research component basically two year duration in the semester system. The course component provides a broad introduction to key aspects of business management, agricultural business opportunities, principles of agro-based enterprises, technical know-how of the agro-enterprises and agri-business to give an excellent preparation for a career in

business management and agro-based enterprises. First two semesters are designed mainly for the course work to acquire the knowledge about the field of study, analytical tools and research designs and partly to develop the research design. Second two semesters are mainly for the research and partly for the course work to fulfil the requirement of the program.

Students should complete the following requirements to award the Degree / Diploma.

**Master of Agri-Business Management (MABM):**

Minimum of 30 course credits subjected to the requirements of restrictions of examination guidelines (subjected to the restrictions of core courses, optional courses and supplementary courses), a dissertation after a research component of minimum of one year duration, two seminars (one for the research proposal and one for the research findings) and satisfactory grade for in the thesis defence examination. (30 credits of course work and a research component with 25 credits)

**MSc in Agricultural Economics and Resource Management (MSc AgERM)**

The degree program consists of course work and a research component. First two semesters are designed mainly for the course work to acquire the knowledge about the field of study, analytical tools and research designs and partly to develop the research design. Second two semesters are mainly for the research and partly for the course work to fulfil the need in analysis and policy issues. Student should complete 25 credits for the course work and 25 credits for research in order to complete the preliminary requirements of the degree program.

**MSc in Agricultural Economics and Development (MAED):**

Minimum of 30 course credits and satisfactory grade in the directed study and final comprehensive oral examination. Courses and examinations will be conducted according to the semester course unit system adopted by the Faculty of Agriculture, University of Ruhuna, under the guidelines set by the Quality Assurance and Accreditation Council of the University Grant Commission.

Some of the courses will be delivered online.

### 3. Fees

Application fee Rs. 1000 (With the submission of completed application)

Tuitions fee

MABM Rs. 15000.00 per semester \* 4 semesters

MSc AgERM Rs.15000.00 per semester \* 4 semesters

MAED 20000.00 per semester \* 2 semesters

Library fee Rs.2000.00 (refundable) + Rs.500 per semester

Thesis submission fee for MABM students Rs.5000.00

Thesis submission fee for MSc AgERM students Rs.5000.00

Examination fee Rs. 500.00 per course

Non-refundable application fee should be paid at the time of submission of completed application form. Admission fee and refundable library fee should be paid at the time of registration. Tuition Fee for each semester should be paid at the beginning of the each semester.

### 4. How to Apply

Applications can be down loaded from the web site ([www.agri.ruh.ac.lk](http://www.agri.ruh.ac.lk))

Or

Send your request to:

Assistant Registrar, Faculty of Graduate Studies, University of Ruhuna, Matara

Or

Coordinator of the programme

Dr. L M Abeywickrama

Senior Professor, Department of Agricultural Economics

Faculty of Agriculture, University of Ruhuna

Mapalana, Kamburupitiya

Email: [abey@agecon.ruh.ac.lk](mailto:abey@agecon.ruh.ac.lk); [aerm@agecon.ruh.ac.lk](mailto:aerm@agecon.ruh.ac.lk)

Fax: 041-2292385, Phone: 041-2292385, 041-2292200, 041-5683914. Mobile: 0773229011

Or,

Prof. G.C. Samaraweera

The Head/ Department of Agricultural Economics

Faculty of Agriculture, University of Ruhuna

Mapalana, Kamburupitiya

Email: gangani@agecon.ruh.ac.lk  
Fax: 041-2292385, Phone: 041-2292385, 041-2292200, Mobile: 0718387487

Application forms and details of the programme can be obtained from the Faculty of Graduate Studies of University of Ruhuna or sending self-addressed stamped envelope to the “Assistant Registrar, Faculty of Graduate Studies, University of Ruhuna, Matara or from the web-site of the Faculty of Agriculture, University of Ruhuna ‘[www.agri.ruh.ac.lk](http://www.agri.ruh.ac.lk).’

Duly completed applications should be sent or handover in a sealed envelope to ‘**Assistant Registrar, Faculty of Graduate Studies, University of Ruhuna, Matara on or before 30th September 2020** along with a receipt of a payment of Rs. 1000.00 as an application processing fee to the **Account Number MScAgERM – 322192100000013, MABM - 322132100000019, MAED – 322182100000014 of University of Ruhuna of Matara-Uyanwaththa branch of the Peoples Bank.**

Referee reports A and B should be sent with the application form or separately by the referee to the above address, **Assistant Registrar, Faculty of Graduate Studies, University of Ruhuna, Matara on or before 30th September 2020.**

Copies of educational qualifications should be attached to the application form and originals should be submitted at the time of interview.

More details about the programme can be obtained from the Department of Agricultural Economics, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Ruhuna or the web-site ‘[www.agri.ruh.ac.lk](http://www.agri.ruh.ac.lk)’