



2015 BHEARD Scholar
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Profile

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UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION: B.Sc., Irrigation and Drainage, University of Rwanda

RESEARCH INTERESTS: Rwanda agricultural systems largely rely on rainfalls with sometimes uncertain rainy seasons due to global climate change, water management including rain water harvest and irrigation. Drainage techniques have been found to be an efficient and sustainable way of dealing with the problems of unpredictable rain especially in semi-arid areas of eastern Rwanda. Even though this is a critical component of the Rwanda agriculture development strategies, there is still lack of qualified technicians. So there is a need for well trained and skilled personnel in the areas of soil water management as well as irrigation and drainage technologies.

PERSONAL STATEMENT: The knowledge and skills Dieudonne will develop during his BHEARD scholarship will not only help him as an individual but will also go a long way to equip his farmers. In addition, Rwanda needs to have more researchers and technicians in terms of irrigation and drainage for the achievements of the vision 2020. So, Dieudonne would like to be one of the implementer of his country's development through the promotion of agriculture.

WHEN I AM NOT WORKING I ENJOY: Dieudonne enjoys reading books, searching the Internet, quora and exploring new software use in agriculture. Sometimes he feels like time is not running, it is we who are running the time. As long as he does something productive he can happily go to bed writing today's achievement in his research. In his free time, Dieudonne likes to run and travel.