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2015 BHEARD Scholar  
**Nicholas Sichali**

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# Profile

<b>Country of Study:</b>	South Africa
<b>University:</b>	University of Pretoria
<b>Department:</b>	Natural and Agricultural Sciences
<b>Student Position:</b>	Graduate Research Assistant - M.Sc.
<b>Hometown:</b>	Karonga, Malawi
<b>Home Institution:</b>	Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Water Development
<b>Home Position:</b>	Irrigation Engineer
<b>Mentored By:</b>	Dr. Grivin Chipula and Professor John Annandale

## *Research Area: Water Resources Management*

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**BHEARD PROGRAM START DATE:** January 2016

**UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION:** B.Sc., Irrigation Engineering, University of Malawi

**RESEARCH INTERESTS:** Nicholas is interested in this field because he wants to assist rural communities manage and conserve the water resource. This is crucial due to “very evident” dwindling water resources in Malawi because of among other factors; climate change and poor agricultural and catchment practices.

Nicholas’s proposed research with the university is water management in irrigation schemes. This is the same research interest with his employer back home.

**PERSONAL STATEMENT:** Develop, manage, control, conserve and protect the water resource so that it benefits the poor rural communities in a sustained way.

**WHEN I AM NOT WORKING I ENJOY:** Nicholas is a hard worker, determined, focused and a results-oriented person. Nicholas enjoys sports, socializing, meeting new people and having fun.