



2016 BHEARD Scholar
Moussa Macalou

Profile

Country of Study:	Ghana
University:	University of Ghana
Department:	Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness
Student Position:	Graduate Research Assistant – Ph.D.
Home Country:	Mali
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Research Area: *System of Rice Intensification (SRI) as Climate Change Adapting Strategy*

BHEARD PROGRAM START DATE: April, 2016

UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION: Bachelor in Economics, University of Bamako, Mali

GRADUATE EDUCATION: MSc. Applied Agricultural Economics and Policy, University of Ouagadougou II, Burkina Faso

RESEARCH INTERESTS: The main driver of Malian economy is the agricultural sector. It involves nearly 75% of the working population, contributes 44% to GDP, provides 30% of export earnings. With his economic background, Moussa has decided to specialize in Agriculture in order to contribute more actively in Malian development. One of the challenges that faces developing countries researchers and academicians is the ability to influence policymakers' decisions in order to develop their projects. The knowledge he acquires from this doctoral training, will allow Moussa to be internationally competitive. His greatest pleasure is sharing of knowledge from his PhD programme for the benefit of his home institution and Mali.

PERSONAL STATEMENT: Moussa would like to be one of the well-known in Agricultural Economics across this world by doing lot of researches for his country, for Africa and for this world.

WHEN I AM NOT WORKING I ENJOY: Moussa likes to play football, read books, help his children to do their homework and talk with friend either directly or through social-media.