



2014 BHEARD Scholar
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Profile

Country of Study:	South Africa
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UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION: Agricultural Economics, University of Malawi, Bunda College

RESEARCH INTERESTS: Micro-Finance

Doshanie intends to study the role of micro-finance on smallholder farmers livelihoods. He says microfinance has been one of the strategies for poverty alleviation in developing countries and Malawi in particular. “Malawi’s micro-financing institutions have been there since the democratic dispensation. However, the financial performance of microfinance institutions and their impact on poverty reduction for smallholder farmers is not adequately documented and known in Malawi, although the increase in micro credit programs have been remarkable.”

PERSONAL STATEMENT:

Doshanie wants to work in an environment where his conceptual, contribution, interpersonal and administrative skills acquired both through training and experience will make significant impact to his employers and clients alike as well as his country’s growth.

Doshanie describes himself as a charming, friendly Christian, “and very approachable person.” When he’s not working, Doshanie enjoys interacting with friends, sight-seeing, traveling, watching and playing football, playing Chess and some other board games.