



2017 BHEARD Scholar  
**Linda Coffie**

# Profile

<b>Country of Study:</b>	Ghana
<b>University:</b>	KNUST
<b>Department:</b>	Agriculture
<b>Student Position:</b>	Graduate Research Assistant
<b>Home Country:</b>	Balai, Northern Region Ghana
<b>Home Institution:</b>	Savanna Agricultural Research Institute (SARI)
<b>Home Position:</b>	Senior Technical Officer
<b>Mentored By:</b>	Dr. Doris Puozaa

**Research Area:** *Seed Science and Technology*

**BHEARD PROGRAM START DATE:** August 2017

**UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION:** Bsc. Biological Sciences, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST)

**RESEARCH INTERESTS:** Linda's proposed research will be "Assessing Phytic Acid and Trypsin Inhibitors Levels in Soybean Genotypes and the Possible Impact of Organic and Inorganic Fertilizers in their Levels." Linda is interested in this field because soybean production because she believes it can increase economic growth and stability in developing countries. In Ghana, her research with the Savanna Agricultural Research Institute (SARI) focused on "Enhancing Production and Utilization of Inoculant Amongst Smallholder Farmers."

**PERSONAL STATEMENT:** Linda's goal in acquiring a Masters Degree in Seed Science and Technology is to better serve the seed sector, regulatory agencies, stakeholders and farmers. In the future, she believes her skills in this program will serve to lay a foundation on which she will build a career in research and become an authority in the area of seed science.

**WHEN I AM NOT WORKING I ENJOY:** Linda enjoys learning new things and also enjoy writing. She recently published 2 books; "The World Must Hear of You" and "Nuggets for Young Achievers."