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2015 BHEARD Scholar  
**Mandela Klon-Yan  
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## Profile

Country of Study:	Ghana
University:	University of Ghana
Department:	Aquaculture
Student Position:	Graduate Research Assistant – M.Sc.
Hometown:	Maryland, Liberia
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### *Research Area: Fisheries Science/Aquaculture*

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**BHEARD PROGRAM START DATE:** August 2015

**UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION:** B.Sc., General Agriculture, Cuttington University, Liberia

**RESEARCH INTERESTS:** Mandela is interested in this field because he wants to help Liberia aquaculture farmers solve some of their challenges faced during the production cycle. This mainly has to do with the issue of fish feed and this is the reason why he focuses his research on formulated farm-made fish feed looking at growth performance of Nile Tilapia.

Mandela's previous research was mainly centered on how he could blend local available ingredients into complete feed taking in to consideration all of the necessary nutrients content. Most of time, he always blends potatoes leaves, chicken grass and cassava leaf into fish feed but there was still fault because this was not a complete feed. Sometime the blended ingredients gets rotten after a day or two.

**PERSONAL STATEMENT:** Mandela's main goal is to further his education. He wants to earn a Ph.D. in his field of study where he can then conduct more research and upon his return he can contribute to the Liberian society by implementing what he has learned over the years.

**WHEN I AM NOT WORKING I ENJOY:** Most often when Mandela is not working, he spends his time on the Internet searching for answers to things he doesn't understand. He also likes to read and watch soccer matches.