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2014 BHEARD Scholar  
**Wezzie Kumwenda**

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## Profile

Country of Study:	South Africa
University:	University of Pretoria
Department:	Food Science
Student Position:	Graduate Research Assistant — MSc
Home Country:	Malawi
Home Institution:	Ministry of Agriculture, Food Security
Home Position:	Food and Nutrition Officer
Mentored By:	

### *Research Area: Nutrition and Food Science*

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BHEARD PROGRAM START DATE: January 2015

HOMETOWN: Mzuzu, Malawi

UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION: University of Malawi, Agriculture (Nutrition and Food Science)

RESEARCH INTERESTS: Human Nutrition

Wezzie's primary research interest is malnutrition in rural communities; specifically the causes, effects and ways of reducing incidences.

PERSONAL STATEMENT:

Wezzie plans to have a career in the field of nutrition. Her life goal is to contribute to reduction in cases of malnutrition among children under-five and the elderly in rural areas . "I am the first born in a family of two and being raised within the local communities I have a strong passion working with rural communities in areas of nutrition."

When she is not working, Wezzie enjoys cooking, watching movies and sightseeing.