



2015 BHEARD Scholar
Edward Martey

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Research Area: *Agricultural Economics (Agricultural Innovation Systems and Impacts)*

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UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION: B.Sc., Agricultural Economics, University of Ghana, Legon, Accra, Ghana

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RESEARCH INTERESTS: Edward Martey’s areas of research interest are smallholder agricultural commercialization and agricultural innovations systems for value-chain development. Most smallholder farmers in sub-Saharan are constrained in terms of market participation. In addition, there is lack of effective communication and use of agricultural innovations platforms in delivering the needed impacts among smallholder farmers in Ghana. In response to these identified development gaps, his research will focus on the socioeconomic analysis of agricultural innovation systems for value chain development in Ghana.

Prior to further studies, Edward’s research back home has been centered on management of multi-stakeholder platforms, evaluation of agricultural technologies and business development of smallholder farmers. Edward is very passionate about agricultural development and the desire to garner wealth of ideas that relevantly apply to the agricultural transformation process in Ghana is undying.

PERSONAL STATEMENT: Edward Martey is a self-motivated, dynamic and enthusiastic person who delights in working in a challenging and thought-provoking environment. Edward’s training in agricultural economics both at the undergraduate and master’s level has armed him with a strong foundation in understanding fundamental economic problems related to smallholder farmers in Ghana and Africa at large. He is passionate about working with smallholder farmers which has led to publication of 16 papers. He is very keen to extending his understanding on agricultural innovations systems that will expand the frontiers of research and development.