



2015 BHEARD Scholar
Chunala Njombwa

Profile

Country of Study:	United States of America
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Research Area: *Dairy Animal Nutrition*

BHEARD PROGRAM START DATE: August 2015

UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION: B.Sc., Forestry, Mzuzu University, Malawi

GRADUATE EDUCATION: M.Sc., Animal Science, University of Florida, United States of America

RESEARCH INTERESTS: Chunala's research interests are dairy animal nutrition, mycotoxins, and food microbiology. His current work is focusing on mycotoxin and pathogen contamination in feeds and dairy products. This work will be helpful in providing baseline information for review of food and livestock regulatory frameworks. Generated information will also be fundamental in shaping the direction of animal and food science research in Malawi.

PERSONAL STATEMENT: Chunala's goal is to conduct research in collaboration with prominent researchers in areas of dairy animal nutrition, mycotoxins and food microbiology so as to develop technologies aimed at increasing dairy animal productivity and ensure safety of animal based products. This will facilitate improved dairy performance, dietary risk management and provision of safe dairy food to consumers in Malawi. Eventually there will be increased income generation at household level, improved health of people and increased contribution of livestock to the national economy.

WHEN I AM NOT WORKING I ENJOY: Chunala enjoys playing soccer, watching movies and news.