Position: Graduate Assistant
Institution: Makerere University
Country: Uganda
BSc: Food Science and Technology, Makerere University, Kampala
Mentored by: 2013 BHEARD Scholar Denis Male

Research Area: Food Science and Environmental Toxicology

BHEARD PROGRAM START DATE: August 2013
HOMETOWN: Luzira, Uganda
UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE: Food Science and Technology
RESEARCH INTERESTS: Effects of Trichothecenes on Immune Status and Child Growth

PERSONAL STATEMENT: Denis was born in Luzira, a small town on the outskirts of Kampala in Uganda. He was raised in a Christian family and was the tenth born out of twelve children. In a typical large family, he realized the need for a sustained supply of food. The desire to render food safer found a place within a prepared body and today he works in food technology.

His experience working as a microbiologist gave him a deeper understanding of the dynamics of survival and transmission of microorganisms within the food environment. Currently Denis is also working with social network analysis tools to demonstrate how aflatoxin regulation impacts the global distribution of food. His broad interests focus on the impact of mycotoxins on human health, economics, and food security.