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2015 BHEARD Scholar  
**Patrick Rono**

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# Profile

<b>Country of Study:</b>	United States
<b>University:</b>	Texas Tech University
<b>Department:</b>	Agriculture and Applied Economics
<b>Student Position:</b>	Graduate Research Assistant—Ph.D.
<b>Hometown:</b>	Kericho, Kenya
<b>Home Institution:</b>	Egerton University
<b>Home Position:</b>	Part-Time Lecturer
<b>Mentored By:</b>	Home: Dr. Jackson Langat, Egerton University USA: Dr. Shaikh Mahfuz Rahman, Texas Tech University

**Research Area:** *Agricultural and Applied Economics*

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**BHEARD PROGRAM START DATE:** August 2015

**UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION:** B.S. in Agribusiness Management, Egerton University, Kenya

**GRADUATE EDUCATION:** M.Sc., Agricultural and Applied Economics, Egerton University

**RESEARCH INTERESTS:** Patrick is interested in food security.

**PERSONAL STATEMENT:** Food security is still a common problem despite Kenya having high potential to provide enough food for its people. Patrick will concentrate his research in ways which will contribute to increased food security through secure production, improved distribution, and easy access to food which in turn will lead to increased incomes and poverty reduction and hence improved livelihoods of households in Kenya.

**WHEN I AM NOT WORKING I ENJOY:** Patrick enjoys reading, keeping up to date with current affairs, and watching soccer.