



2014 BHEARD Scholar
**Elizabeth Thandiwe
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Profile

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| Country of Study: | South Africa |
| University: | University of Pretoria |
| Department: | Animal and Wildlife Sciences |
| Student Position: | Graduate Research Assistant — MSc |
| Home Country: | Malawi |
| Home Institution: | Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Health |
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Research Area: Animal Science

BHEARD PROGRAM START DATE: January 2015

HOMETOWN: Lilongwe, Malawi

UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION: Veterinary Medicine, UNZA

RESEARCH INTERESTS: Zoonotic Diseases

Elizabeth says she is mainly interested in infectious diseases that are zoonotic; for example: Brucellosis in bovine. “Malawi has been said to be a Brucellosis free country but the question that lingers is ‘Is Malawi a Brucellosis free country considering all the importation of livestock into the country through different Programs and businesses?’”

Elizabeth says the aim of her research is to come up with ways and control measures to avoid or reduce the prevalence of the zoonotic diseases in Malawi. She hopes her research results in the overall health of livestock, people, and the nation.

PERSONAL STATEMENT:

Elizabeth describes herself as confident, adventurous, outgoing, and ambitious who “loves to do things on time” and is “ready to take on life's new challenges.”

In her spare time, Elizabeth enjoys watching reality TV programs, reading books (academic and non-academic), keeping up with current affairs through papers and TV news channels, social networking, going to the cinema, and sightseeing.