

2019 CLIFF-GRADS Awardees



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What is your academic background?

I am a PhD candidate at the University of KwaZulu-Natal, where I studied BSc-Agric and MSc-Agric in soil science. My thesis topic is the effect of land use on soil carbon stocks, pools and CO₂ emissions in humic soils.

Which project have you been selected for?

“Comparing deep soil carbon stocks under kiwifruit and pasture land use”, supervised by Dr Roberta Gentile.

How will this award impact your study?

This award is primarily a great opportunity to be able to interact and collaborate with other researchers which will create, open and strengthen my networks in the scientific world. It will also open my mind to new insights and advanced ways and techniques of doing research; this will significantly contribute to my PhD through understanding the contributions of humic soils to C storage and emissions to climate change mitigation.

Tell us a bit more about yourself?

I am a marathon runner and I live everyday by this quote “No matter how you feel...Get up. Dress up. Show up. And never Give up.”
