

2019 CLIFF-GRADS Awardees



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Hosted by: International Center for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT), Colombia.

What is your academic background?

I am an Assistant Lecturer at FUNAAB, where I am also carrying out my PhD studies. My PhD is in Crop Physiology with a thesis titled: *Integrated response of selected rice (Oryza sativa L.) varieties to climate smart agricultural practices and inland-valley intensification in the rainforest/savanna agroecology of Nigeria.*

Which project have you been selected for?

“Turning to rice cultivars for solving the methane puzzle in irrigated rice systems”, supervised by Dr. Ngonidzashe Chirinda.

How will this award impact your study?

This award will provide invaluable opportunities for me to contribute significantly towards increasing sustainable rice production in a cleaner environment leveraging on rice cultivars and with the aid of the state-of-the-art analytical procedures and instrumentations, which without this award would be impossible at my home institution. Working with a group of experts at CIAT would not only improve my study, but positively impact my academic career, as I will have the opportunity to develop lifelong research collaborations and positive relationships.

Tell us a bit more about yourself?

I got my aspiration to be a crop scientist from my father (a lawyer) who always says that “farmland cultivated by a well learned person usually differs from that of an uneducated person in terms of techniques observed on the farm”. I studied B. Agric. and M. Agric. (crop production) at the Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB). I am keen to contribute my quota towards the attainment of food security in Africa, with a particular focus on rice.
