

2019 CLIFF-GRADS Awardees



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What is your academic background?

I'm a PhD student at the University of Yaoundé I in Cameroon, where I study soil microbiology. My thesis topic is the relationship between melanized fungi structure and soil organic carbon stock as affected by cropping systems in south region Cameroon. I also work at the Laboratory of Phytobiochemistry, on plant-microbes interactions.

Which project have you been selected for?

"Soil organic matter sensitivity to land management impact on grasslands and croplands", supervised by Dr Axel Don.

How will this award impact your study?

Cameroonian agriculture is progressively moving to an intensive farming system that exclusively emphasizes crop yield fostering, and fails to consider the negative impacts this may have on the climate change. The CLIFF-GRADS programme is therefore an asset to not only build capacity and complete assigned objectives in the short-term, but also to contribute effectively in the development of cost-effective strategies to tackle issues that pertain to GHG emission in the mid and or long-term.

Tell us a bit more about yourself?

I am keen to explore new domains and go beyond my limits. Personally, I think considering work like your favourite hobby will undoubtedly lead to a better life wherever and whenever you are.
