



POST-HARVEST LOSS INNOVATION LAB

Developing the next generation of leaders

Investing in graduate student research for lasting development impact

Long-term trainings develop human capacity by promoting project country and other developing country nationals to become leading scholars on post-harvest topics. PHILIL directly supports nineteen graduate students, sixteen of which are studying or have completed graduate degrees at in-country partner institutions such as Mekelle University and Bahir Dar University in Ethiopia, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology in Ghana, and Bangladesh Agricultural University.

These graduate students are completing their coursework and post-harvest related research at in-country institutions of higher education with U.S.-based researchers serving as one of their committee members for their thesis or dissertation. Many of these students are exposed to U.S. higher education institutions and standards for research and writing, creating a rigorous academic atmosphere while remaining in their country of origin. Of the nineteen graduate students

supported by PHILIL, three of them studied or are currently studying at U.S. universities. These students are performing research related to drying, storage, and mycotoxins in state-of-the-art laboratories. With highly esteemed researchers as their committee members, these students will return to their countries of origin with expertise in the post-harvest loss reduction, further strengthening their countries' abilities to reduce post-harvest losses. By supporting higher education for these young people, PHILIL is building in-country capacity and developing the next generation of post-harvest loss leading researchers.



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