



Mr. Pwazaga will study at the London School of Economics and Political Science.

Ghanaian student wins 2010 OFID Scholarship

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The OFID Scholarship Program aims at supporting highly motivated and academically outstanding individuals from developing countries for whom the cost of graduate study is beyond reach. The winner of the award receives a full scholarship of up to US\$100,000 towards the completion of a Master's degree in a field related to development.

Robert Pwazaga, the 2010 winner, has secured a place at the prestigious London School of Economics and Political Science to pursue a Master's degree in International Development. He already holds a Bachelor's degree in Geography

and Rural Development, from the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology in Ghana, and has conducted research on forest resource depletion for the Kassena Nankana District Assembly.

Mr. Pwazaga, who comes from a farming background, says that his interest in developmental issues stems from the bitter realities he has experienced in his life. "These have deprived me of everything except the ability to excel in school," he explains. Mr. Pwazaga aspires to return to Ghana upon completion of this degree and help work towards his country's development. "My desire is to

acquire advanced knowledge and analytical capabilities that will enable me to conceptualize the issues of underdevelopment and fashion appropriate policies for its elimination," he adds.

The Scholarship Award is currently in its fourth year with winners attending top academic programs in development-related fields. The Award goes to a student who emerges after a rigorous selection process. Around 3,000 applicants apply annually from developing countries around the world. ■