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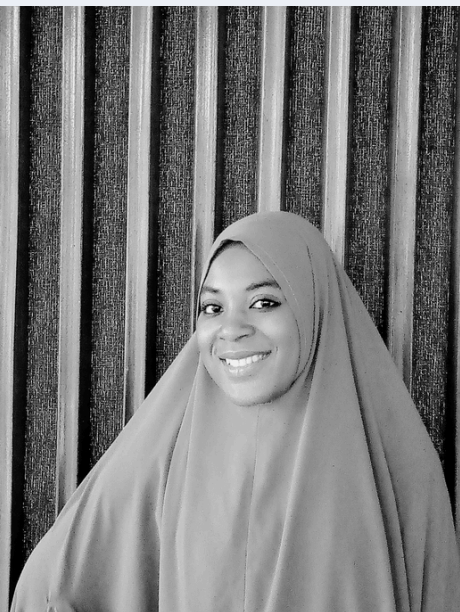
Akani Basheerat
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Position:
Graduate student

Organization:
Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Ghana

Field of research:
Animal Nutrition

As a master's student at Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Akani Basheerat focuses on the potential of agroforestry fodders as supplemental feed for livestock during the dry season to improve food security and livelihoods. Her research also aims to improve livestock nutrition to reduce emissions and to ease conflicts between herders and farmers.

Akani joined the AWARD Leadership Program in preparation for her PhD to equip her to be able to engage with fellow researchers, industry experts, and policymakers to exchange knowledge and ideas, and to collaborate on innovative research projects that address complex challenges facing livestock production.

Through the program, Akani has developed a purpose roadmap to help her PhD application and gained skills in proposal writing, which will help in her academic career.

"I taught some of my colleagues about emotional intelligence and self-awareness," Akani says. "I am truly grateful to AWARD for giving me this golden opportunity. I am dedicated to practising all that I have acquired during this course to a greater purpose in life."