

# RDI



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## PROJECT FUNDERS

\$448, 272 of project funding is being provided by the Canadian International Development Scholarships 2030 (BCDI: 2030)

## WORDS FROM THE BU PROJECT LEAD

*BU is training a new generation of Ghanaian rural development experts to make a difference in their country.*

- Dr. Wilder Robles



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# New Project Announcement

Leadership Training for Sustainable Rural Development:  
A Transformative Learning Experience

## MEET THE PROJECT PARTNERS

The Rural Development Institute (RDI) is a research centre at Brandon University (BU) that conducts community-based research projects, focusing on a variety of topics. This year, RDI has been collaborating with the BU Department of Rural Development, the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST), Universities Canada, and Global Affairs Canada to provide scholarship funding for ten KNUST students to attend BU and complete the Master of Art in Rural Development (MARD) program between the years of 2024 and 2028.

In the spring of 2023, the Honorable Adams Abdul-Salam - MP of the New Edubiase Constituency, Ashanti Region - began collaborating on the BCDI: 2030 scholarship program application with Dr. Wilder Robles (BU). Adams is an alumnus of BU who completed the MARD program, and soon there-after became the youngest member of parliament representing the New Edubease Constituency in Ghana. Dr. Wilder Robles (BU) then connected with Dr. Ebenezer Dassah (KNUST) to explore opportunities to continue building relationships through this program, and Dr. Wayne Kelly (RDI) to begin developing the practical training program. Alongside Dr. Robles and Dr. Kelly, Nicole Breedon (RDI) is working as the BCDI Scholarship Coordinator at Brandon University, focusing on logistics in the student enrolment, and highlighting their experience throughout the duration of their time in Brandon, Manitoba.

## OUTCOMES

This September (2024), three of the ten scholarship recipients from Ghana will be enrolled at BU. This includes Akua Afrakoma Osei, Melody Kwonu and Kwabena Owusu Amoateng. This program is designed to ensure students from developing countries can build knowledge and practical skills in topics to continue sustainable development work in their home countries after completing the program. Each scholarship recipient is eager to continue their studies and committed to applying their new skills in the workforce following their graduation.



To keep up-to-date on all project updates, make sure to visit the [BCDI: 2030 Scholarship Project Page](#) hosted through RDI.