



**Jonathan Baan Naab**

Laboratory Research Fellow

“I find fulfillment when I am able to help someone who really needs it. Coming from Africa and realizing how much help is needed in the public health sector has motivated me, and I know global health is an area that needs people with the empathy and compassion for others that I feel.”

Jonathan is pursuing his Master of Business and Science (MBS) degree at Keck Graduate Institute of the Claremont Colleges in California.

A desire to make his parents, who struggled to provide him and his siblings with an education, proud has been Jonathan’s inspiration. Having lost his father shortly before embarking on his graduate program, Jonathan is also motivated to forge ahead to provide for his mother and siblings.

Having experienced the loss of a loved one because diagnostic limitations led to an improper diagnosis has fostered Jonathan’s desire to be part of research that will help people in Ghana and other areas of the world with limited resources, and he plans to pursue a career in the biotech/health industry. He sees the opportunity to take part in diagnostic research as a way to give back to Ghanaians.

Jonathan feels that the greatest challenge his generation faces is selfishness. He believes the spirit of altruism is fast becoming a rare quality as people both in the sciences and business are driven by profitability rather than how much of help they can be those in need resulting in the fast disappearance of a sense of community.