

Careers in plant science / botany / plant pathology

Where will plants take you?

Studying plants opens the door to a huge range of career possibilities! Here are a few samples of the many career paths open to people who study plants. Scan the QR code to find many more people whose careers might inspire you.



Dr. Patricio Muñoz, Associate Professor, Blueberry Breeding and Genomics, University of Florida. Originally from Chile, Dr. Muñoz received his PhD from the University of Florida, and has been a professor there since 2013.



Dr. Amelia Merced received her BS and MS degrees in Puerto Rico, and her PhD from Southern Illinois University. She conducts field studies and works with the bryophyte collection at the herbarium of the University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras.

Dr. Anoma Lokosou, Syngenta. Originally from Togo, Dr. Lokosou received her PhD from Wageningen University in the Netherlands. She leads teams that are focused on the genetic improvements of lettuces and cabbages.



Dr. Kevin Ong, Professor and Extension Plant Pathologist at Texas A&M. He received his BS from Penn State and his PhD in Plant Pathology from Clemson University. He is director of the Texas Plant Disease Diagnostic Laboratory.



Dr. LaKisha Odom, Scientific Program Director at the Foundation for Food and Agriculture Research. She received her PhD as well as her undergraduate degree from Tuskegee University.



Andrew Foudree, Senior Research Associate in R&D at Corteva Agriscience. He is focused on creating new valuable seed traits. He earned his BS from the University of Minnesota and his MS from Iowa State University.



Dr. Kadeem Gilbert, Assistant Professor, Michigan State University. He received his BS from Cornell and PhD from Harvard. He studies carnivorous plants and their interactions with insects and microbes, and symbioses between plants and other organisms more broadly.



Ann Erickson received her BS and MS degrees from the university of Illinois. She works for the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in Anchorage, Alaska, as a Botany, Forestry and Range Programs Lead.

