

Career Opportunities for Plant Science Majors

Science and Society/ Public Policy-

- Food-, Soil-, or Horticultural scientist
- Urban forestry manager or Arborist
- Soil and water conservationist
- Botanical garden – director, scientist, or educational program coordinator
- Government and private industry policy advocate
- Conservation & environmental policy
- Agricultural policy
- Science policy

Education and Academia-

- Professor
- Extension agent or specialist
- Technical staff (lab manager or researcher)
- School teacher or administrator
- Herbarium or living collections curator
- Greenhouse manager

Biotech Industry-

- Biochemist
- Research technician or biologist
- Greenhouse or field manager
- Biological supplies product developer

Government-

- USDA, NSF and NIH agency position
- Research director or administrator
- National, state and local government state conservation and wildlife agent
- Agricultural inspector (USDA)

Landscape Management-

- Landscape contractor
- Sod and seed production manager
- Golf course superintendents & assistant
- Parks grounds supervisor

Publishing-

- Science editor, Science- or Technical writer

Professional Societies-

- Scientific society director, associate/administrator

Sales and Private Industry-

- Biotech, Ag. chemical or equipment sales rep.
- Nursery owner or manager
- Plant pathologist/ Epidemiologist
- Microbiologist
- Agricultural engineer
- Environmental scientist

Health Care-

- Physician- molecular and genomic medicine, plant-based pharmaceuticals, integrative medicine
- Dentist
- Veterinarian
- Pharmacist
- Medical Technician

Law-

- Patent or Corporate lawyer (Biotech/Ag Co.)

Sample Job Titles

Salary Range

Biotechnologist	\$33,650 - \$93,460
Biofuels Production Manager	\$52,600 - \$87,200
Agricultural Consultant	\$52,482 - \$89,116
Golf Course Superintendent	\$71,275 - \$81,004
Environmental Specialist, Government	\$35,000 - \$80,000
Life Science Research Associate	\$21,000 - \$61,000
Botanist	\$43,500 - \$61,500
Agricultural Sciences Teacher	\$43,500 - \$79,900
Green Marketer	\$42,700 - \$87,700
Horticulturist	\$42,000 - \$60,000
Agriculture Scientist	\$33,790 - \$59,520
Plant Scientist	\$35,900 - \$58,900

Salary Sources:

United States Department of Labor: Bureau of Labor Statistics (2010); DISCOVER (2011); Facts on File; Ferguson's Career Guidance Center (2011). For more information about careers and assistance in making your career plans, contact Career Services: career@email.arizona.edu; www.career.arizona.edu.