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

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<td>Biotechnologist</td>
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<td>Biofuels Production Manager</td>
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<td>Agricultural Consultant</td>
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<td>Golf Course Superintendent</td>
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<td>Environmental Specialist, Government</td>
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<td>Life Science Research Associate</td>
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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.