

PLANT BIOLOGY UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

I'm a plant biology major at UCR because.....



**Johnathon
Blahut**

.....I have to eat and breathe. We and all of the consumers on this planet, rely on these autotrophs for our survival. Close your eyes and picture a world with no flowers, no leaves, and no chlorophyll. Not only would it be an ugly place, but we would not be alive.



**Jesus
Cerrillos**

.....it is important to study plants due to their vast integration/vitality to human survival and because UCR has the finest faculty specializing in various topics of botany.



**Jane
Kim**

.....it is a fundamental level of life. We, as humans, take advantage of all that plants provide us. For millenniums, plants have been the primary level of food chain, provided us with materials for shelter, and produced medicines used to treat diseases and sickness. In the 21st century, scientist, doctors and botanists are still looking at plants for inspiration for solutions to worldwide problems.



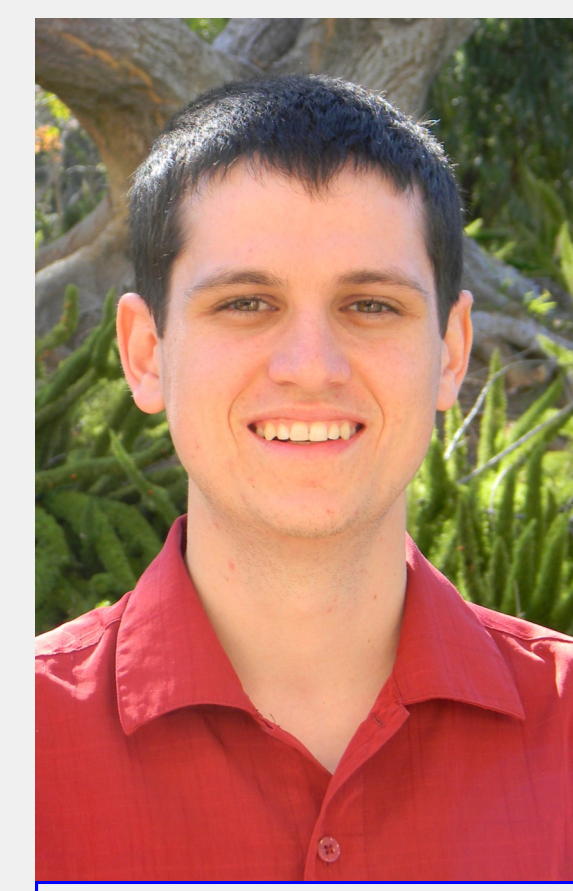
**Amy
Kwiecen**

.....I have been enchanted by plants ever since I was a small child. I wondered: "How do these organisms, so very different from animals, live and grow?" and "How is the world as we know it shaped by plants." As soon as I was big enough to get my hands dirty, I wanted to help my mother in the garden. To this day I am still fascinated by plants, their similarities and differences with each other and other organisms, and how they shape environments.



**Jennifer
Oki**

.....plants are extremely important: they harness all of the energy we use to survive, they make our planet beautiful, and they taste great too.



**Zachary
Thomas**

.....of the diversity in the Botany Department, there are so many professors and classes that it really gives you a chance to explore the major and find what part of plant biology you want to delve into.



**Dwight
Williams**

.....plant biology offers a vast amount of potential to benefit the world. At its roots, it is at the solution to most of the world's problems. I am at UCR because of its wonderful Botany faculty. The faculty consists of amiable professors that provide direct guidance for course work and available careers for aspiring students.