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What subject did you study? *Biological Sciences*

Year of Graduation *2002*

Current Job Title *Associate Professor*

Current Employer/Organisation Name *UNIVERSIDAD ICESI*

What have you been doing since leaving Exeter, and what are you doing now?

I did my PhD under the supervision of Dr. Nicholas Smirnoff (at Hatherly Labs!). After graduating in 2002, I returned to my country (Venezuela) as a postdoc in the Venezuelan Institute for Scientific Research. Currently, I am a full-time Associate Professor at Icesi University in Colombia. My research is focused on plant tolerance to abiotic stress using omic tools.

Why did you choose this career? And what do you enjoy most about your work?

Research, research!

What did you enjoy most about studying here?

Exeter was a wonderful place for concentrating on research while enjoying beautiful landscapes.

Why did you choose to study at Exeter?

I was very interested in working with Nicholas Smirnoff.

What skills and experiences have been most useful for your career?

Networking, flexibility to explore new research fields, the ability to integrate knowledge from other disciplines, understanding of the current world, policy making