As a child, **Gilbert Kayanja** created test tubes from lightbulb filaments for plant experiments. As a Ph.D. candidate in Purdue University’s Department of Biochemistry, Gilbert uses top-level equipment to research how organisms maintain photosynthesis amid changing conditions.

In Purdue Biochemistry, Gilbert still capitalizes on his passion to pursue the unexpectedly useful.

“I might be attending a research presentation, and something I’d never thought about could apply to my work,” says Gilbert, who came to Purdue after biological research work in Ohio.

“The diverse research environment is great, and I feel like I’m contributing to knowledge about our world.”

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Fabiola Muro Villanueva always had biology in her future, through her father’s background and her farm childhood. A Ph.D. entered the picture once she enjoyed undergraduate research experiences.

After meeting with faculty from Purdue University’s Department of Biochemistry, Fabiola envisioned herself working beside them. Today she does, exploring paths to economic plant-waste biofuels.

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