2024 NAPB George Washington Carver Scholars









Gurminder Singh – PhD Student at North Dakota State University

Mentor: Dr. Addie Thompson

Research Interests: Research on the tan spot in wheat, exploring genetic

resistance pathways.



Adele Jamalzei – PhD Student at Washington State University

Mentor: Dr. Karansher Singh Sandhu

Research Interests: Intersection of genetics, programming, and plant biology,

specifically in the context of wheat.



Oluwatosin Adebanjo – PhD Student at University of California, Davis

Mentor: Dr. Klaus Koehler

Research Interests: Disease resistance breeding and QTL mapping.



Denia Troxell – Recently obtained MS from Iowa State University

Mentor: Dr. Fabiana Moreira

Research Interests: Understanding plant genetics, improving crop yields, and developing resilient varieties capable of thriving in diverse environmental

conditions.



Olufunke Ayegbidun – PhD Student at Washington State University

Mentor: Dr. Rodrigo Amadeu

Research Interests: Enhancing crop yield and increasing grain micronutrient

concentration to promote global food security and tackle malnutrition.



Bipin Neupane – PhD Student at Washington State University

Mentor: Dr. David Francis

Research Interests: Plant breeding and molecular studies in enhancing crop

improvement and achieving sustainability in global agriculture.



Sofia Jauregui – Bachelorette Student at University of California, Davis

Mentor: Dr. Zhangyou Xu

Research Interests: Crop improvement and plant breeding.



Ajay Ramalingam – PhD Student at Kansas State University

Mentor: Dr. Valerio Hoyos Villegas

Research Interests: Intersection of classical breeding methods integrating with genomics, molecular genetics, and to develop climate resilient high-yielding

plant cultivars for stress environments.