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FuturaGene, Inc., is a leader in plant genetic research and development for the global biofuels, forestry and agricultural markets.

FuturaGene employs its gene technologies to improve the outcomes of energy crops to better meet the increasing demand for renewable alternative energy.

The company uses a multi-gene approach that helps crops tolerate stress ranging from cold and freezing to drought and high-salt concentrations. These conditions cause more than \$40 billion in crop losses annually around the world.



The Purdue University-developed technology was licensed by FuturaGene Plc. — a company traded publicly on the Alternative Investment Market (AIM) of the London Stock Exchange. Patents have been issued for some of the genes developed, and more patents are pending.



FuturaGene graduated from the Purdue Technology Centers of West Lafayette business incubator at Purdue Research Park in 2004 and is focused on aligning itself with major companies to commercialize its products. End customers will be major plant biotech companies; firms that produce seeds for crops; and businesses in the agriculture, forestry, and biofuels industry.

Facts & Figures

- ESTABLISHED:** 2001 – Founded by Purdue University Professors of Horticulture Ray Bressan, Ph.D. and Paul Hasegawa, Ph.D.; Bruno Ruggiero, Ph.D., a former visiting scientist at Purdue; Jian-Kang Zhu, Ph.D.; and Hans Bohnert, Ph.D.
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