



Liam Dolan

Liam Dolan is the Deputy Director at the Gregor Mendel Institute of the Austrian Academy of Sciences in Vienna, where he has worked since September 2020.

Before moving to Vienna, Liam was the Sherardian Professor of Botany at the University of Oxford where he was also Head of Department of Plant Sciences and a fellow of Magdalen College Oxford.

He was an undergraduate at University College, Dublin (Ireland) and received a PhD from the University of Pennsylvania under the supervision of Scott Poethig.

His research uses genetics and fossils to understand how plants transformed from relatively simple algae to complex plants like trees around 450 million years ago and transformed the planet and its climate.

Liam was elected Fellow of the Royal Society (FRS) in 2014 in recognition of his contributions to science, and was appointed the Queen's Trustee at the Royal Botanic Gardens in Kew in 2021.

In 2017, he formed a biotechnology spin-out company to discover natural chemicals that can be used to control weeds.