



# Bianca Punch

PHD IN ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

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## Why did you choose the University of Florida?

I chose University of Florida because the research being done aligned with my own interests. The prospect of working with the Emerging Pathogens Institute attracted me as well as the fact that the department does a lot of research in my home region, the Caribbean.

## What philosophy guides you in your education?

Perseverance is the key to success.

## What is your research experience?

I worked as a research assistant for the Windward Islands Education and Research Foundation in Grenada on a project that sought to examine the neurodevelopmental impact of the ZIKA virus on children born during the time of the outbreak in Grenada.

## What are your career goals?

I would like to pursue a career in academia as an Environmental Health scientist.

## Educational Background

Bachelors

Bachelor of Science  
Biology

Masters

Master of Science  
Public Health  
St. George's University

## Research Interests:

I am interested in studying the relationship between climate change and health, particularly vector-borne diseases and other infectious disease.

## If you could solve one environmental and/or global health problem, what would it be?

The climate change crisis