

Biography

Dr. Alex Buck

Chairman of the Board, Plant Based Products Council



Dr. Alex Buck serves as the Chairman of the Board of the Plant Based Products Council (PBPC). He is also the Director of Industrial Innovation at the Iowa Corn Growers Association.

Alex has spent the last 12 years directing research and business development projects on behalf of Iowa's corn farmers, covering new plant-based polymers, platform chemicals, biofuels, and fermentation-derived products. His work focuses on translating advances in chemistry and biotechnology into commercially viable markets that create additional demand for agricultural products. Alex leads the technical team in assessing and advancing technologies from early-stage research through pilot-scale development and commercial partnership. This includes developing and implementing the intellectual property strategy and identifying commercial partnerships. He evaluates opportunities based on technical feasibility, commercial potential, intellectual property, market demand, and the path to scale, determining which technologies warrant further investment and development. He also evaluates opportunities for research collaboration and equity investment with industry and academic partners to advance promising technologies toward the market.

Alex received his bachelor's degree in chemistry and his doctorate in Organic Chemistry from Iowa State University.