



CAREER FOCUS: OBSERVATORY DIRECTOR

Karen is the leader of the Green Bank Observatory.

When have you been a leader in your community?



What does an observatory director do?

Karen's job is to manage Green Bank's employees and activities. She also works with the scientific community to develop new projects and instruments, and she makes sure the Observatory has the funding to keep doing great science!

What makes a good observatory director?

The best directors are good problem solvers, people managers, and organizers. Directors should have a PhD and have done a lot of astronomy research, because it is important for a director to understand how the equipment works.

How do I become an observatory director?

If you want to become an observatory director, seek out leadership opportunities wherever you are! You can start anywhere— at your school, in your home, or with a local organization.

