

# David Rosenberg

## **Position/Department/Division/Institution/Organization**

CEO and Co-Founder of AeroFarms

## **Country**

United States of America

## **Career history**

David Rosenberg co-founded and leads AeroFarms, a mission-driven company that builds and operates advanced vertical farms in urban environments.

AeroFarms has been recognized as a Circular Economy 100 company, listed on Fast Company's 2019 global list of Most Innovative Companies, and featured on Inc. Magazine's list of the 25 Most Disruptive Companies. AeroFarms also received the New Jersey Governor's Award for Environmental Excellence and ranked number one on the FoodTech 500 list, which highlighted global entrepreneurial talent at the intersection between food, technology, and sustainability. AeroFarms received the inaugural Global Sustainable Development Goal Award for Zero Hunger, was listed as one of Time Magazine's 2019 Best Inventions, and received The Ethical Corporation's 2020 Responsible Business Award in Sustainable Innovation.

David dedicates his time to several local and international organizations. As a member of the World Economic Forum, David co-chaired the Young Global Leaders Circular Economy Taskforce and is a member of the WEF Global IoT Council. David was also a member of the U.S. delegation to the B20 Sustainable Food System Taskforce, which advises the G20. In addition, David serves as a Managing Trustee of New Jersey's Liberty Science Center, a prominent U.S. interactive science museum, and is on the Board of Directors of Aspire, a leader in insect protein, and Clara Foods, a leader in non-animal based animal protein. David is a mentor at Endeavor, as well, where he helps impact entrepreneurs, and previously taught a class on entrepreneurial finance at the New York University Stern School of Business. In 2017, David was privileged to co-chair New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy's Agriculture Transition Committee and in 2020 David accepted an honor on behalf of AeroFarms for its leading work with the New Jersey Reentry Corporation in providing second-chance opportunities to people previously incarcerated. David has been honored by the Liberty Science Center as a 2019 Genius Innovator, recognized as Ernst & Young's (NJ) Entrepreneur of the Year (Food and Beverage), and was named one of the 100 Most Intriguing Entrepreneurs at Goldman Sachs' 2019 Annual Builders and Innovators Summit. In 2018, the World Economic Forum recognized David as Technology Pioneer for his nanotechnology company and in 2010 as a Young Global Leader.

David received his BA from UNC Chapel Hill and holds an MBA from Columbia University. He competed for the U.S. in fencing where he was a finalist at a world cup and represented the NYAC, winning three U.S. National Team Fencing Championships and two individual silver medals.

## **Awards/Publications**

### AeroFarms Awards and Recognition:

- Recognized as one of Fast Company's 2019 Most Innovative Companies
- Recognized as one of Inc. Magazine's 25 Most Disruptive Companies
- Received Inaugural Global Sustainable Development Goal Award for Zero Hunger
- Recognized as one of Time Magazine's 2019 Best Inventions
- Received The Ethical Corporation's 2019 Responsible Business Award in Sustainable Innovation

### David Rosenberg Awards and Recognition:

- Recognized as Ernst & Young's (NJ) Entrepreneur of the Year (Food and Beverage)
- Named one of the 100 Most Intriguing Entrepreneurs at Goldman Sachs' 2019 Annual Builders and Innovators Summit

## **Areas of expertise**

- Vertical farming
- Urban agriculture
- Sustainable innovation
- Circular economy