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Dr. Melissa C. Green currently serves as the Director of the Division of Science and Technology (SCITECH) at the United Negro College Fund Special Programs Corporation (UNCFSP). The SCITECH division encompasses eight, federally-funded educational programs that prepare the minority higher education community to be value-added contributors in today's rapidly changing global marketplace.

Before coming to UNCFSP, Dr. Green served as a Research Associate at the Morehouse School of Medicine (Atlanta, GA), as well as Kansas State University (Manhattan, KS.) In these positions, she advanced her knowledge and expertise in cancer biology, virology and reproductive medicine. Her strong interest in science education prompted her to leave the laboratory bench in order to interact with young, upcoming scientists. Through the personal, one-on-one interactions with students, she has become a great mentor and has gained valuable experience in providing both academic and personal counseling. In essence, cultivating students' talents is one of her strongest attributes.

Dr. Green holds a bachelor's degree in Chemistry from Claflin College, a historically black college in Orangeburg, SC. Shortly after commencement, she moved to Indianapolis, IN to pursue her Ph.D. degree. In 1999, she became the first African-American female to receive a doctorate in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology from the Indiana University School of Medicine. Since graduation, Dr. Green has found that inspiring other students to pursue their dream career and promote science stimulates her own quest to understand the world and the people around her. Therefore, she feels very blessed to have a career that combines her interests in science research and education. When she is not working, she enjoys traveling, reading and volunteering for various community outreach efforts.