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Flossie Wong-Staal

Chinese American

Scientist

Flossie Wong-Staal (1947-) was born in China and attended an all-girls school in Hong Kong. Her teachers encouraged her to study science but Flossie had no interest in science. No one in her family had studied it, and they did not expect their girls to have jobs. Flossie grew to love science and came to the United States to study biology in college. She worked with other scientists for many years to research the cause of the AIDS virus. Flossie's work helped other scientists to understand AIDS so that they could develop better tests and treatments for the disease. Flossie is seen as one of our country's top women scientists because of her work with viruses.