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We request YOUR input on the JGI's strategy

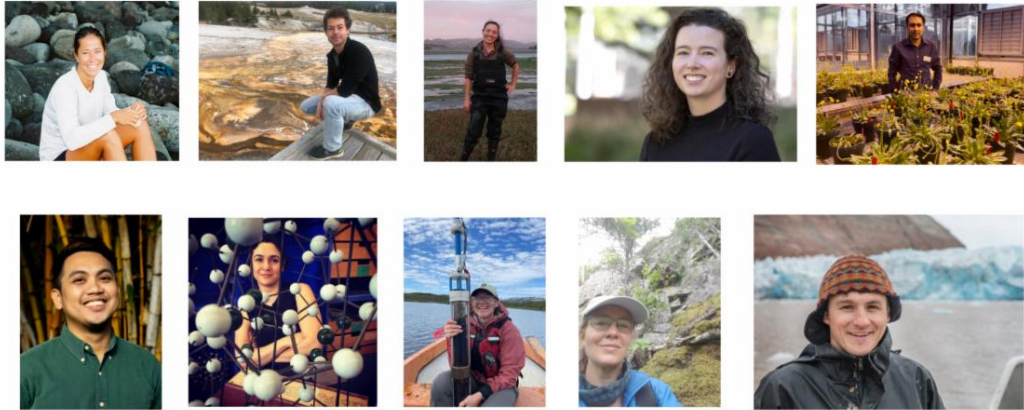
We aim to release an updated [five-year plan](#) in the fall. In preparation, we'd like to hear from both our existing users and the broader research community. You can provide feedback on:

- [What specific technologies or science directions](#) should the JGI emphasize in the next five years?
- [Which specific microbes should we focus on](#) for future strain engineering efforts? (Our current concentration is on *gammaproteobacteria*.)

The deadline to share your thoughts is **Feb. 28**. We hope to hear from you!

Congratulations

to our 2023 CSP New Investigator recipients!



Twice each year, the JGI looks for novel research projects through our [New Investigator call](#) under our Community Science Program. We want to congratulate the first round of CSP New Investigator recipients. [Click here to see what projects we've accepted so far this year.](#)

You can also check out our recent announcement congratulating the [final six Functional Genomics recipients for 2022.](#)

Open Proposal Calls

The next deadline for our [New Investigator call](#), which accepts DOE mission-aligned proposals from PIs who have not led any previously-accepted proposals, is **March 3**.

Letters of Intent are due **March 15** for the [FICUS collaborative science call](#) between the JGI and EMSL. Gain access to capabilities at the Advanced Photon Source, Center for Structural Biology .

Our [annual CSP call](#), which focuses on large-scale genomics projects, opened Feb. 6. The deadline for Letters of Intent is **April 7**.

Interested in working with us? Learn all about [our proposal calls here](#).



JGI welcomes three to UEC

Congrats to the [new members of our User Executive Committee](#) — **Jack Gilbert**, **Ashley Shade** and **Jason Stajich**. They join six other JGI users already serving on the UEC.



Jack Gilbert,
UC San Diego



Ashley Shade,
Michigan State University
and CNRS



Jason Stajich,
UC Riverside

JGI@25: Fungi For Bio...



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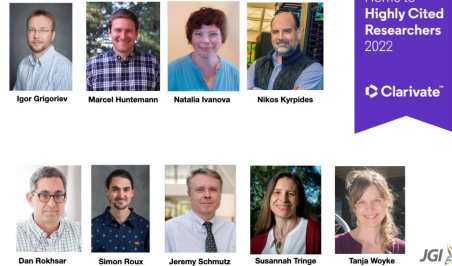
We chatted with **Michelle O'Malley** and **Tejas Navaratna** of UC Santa Barbara about the anaerobic gut fungi that break down all kinds of plant biomass.

[Learn more on our website.](#)

JGI contributes Nine Highly Cited Researchers

Clarivate's 2022 Highly Cited Researchers list features 6,900 researchers working in 21 fields.

[Click here to learn more](#) about the JGI researchers who made the list.



Reminder: DOE funding opportunities

- Multiple FOAs through [Reaching a New Energy Sciences Workforce \(RENEW\)](#) initiative launched Jan. 9. Deadlines range from **March 31** to **May 2**.
- VIDEO + slides: [Office of Science informational webinar on initiatives and programs](#)

