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Kicking off a new semester



Hello Caroline,

The students have returned and the 2026-27 academic year is officially underway! A new year is always full of fresh exciting faces and projects and I can't wait to jump in.

Earlier this summer we welcomed our newest and largest cohort of **BIO5 Postdoctoral Fellows**. These ten researchers represent a diverse range of disciplines united by a commitment to advancing interdisciplinary research and we are proud to support their research journeys. You can hear them present on their work at this year's **Research and Innovation Showcase** on Oct. 13th.

This fall, we also kick off the first cohort of our graduate fellowship, which will offer doctoral students support and training in interdisciplinary science. These two programs, in conjunction with our KEYS research internship and the BIO5 Flinn Scholar Research Experience, are designed to nurture interdisciplinary research talent and help them build skills and community.

We look forward to seeing all that these trainees accomplish!

Sincerely,

Vignesh

Featured Stories



BIO5 welcomes its largest cohort of postdoctoral fellows

Ten University of Arizona postdoctoral researchers have been selected for the 2026 BIO5 Postdoctoral Fellowship, advancing collaborative research across disciplines while preparing for careers as independent investigators.

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Upcoming



Research & Innovation Showcase 2026

October 13, 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Thomas W. Keating Building Lobby & Room 103

We welcome all University of Arizona faculty, students, and staff to present their research to promote interdisciplinary research collaboration across the university.
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In The News



A border-town student walked into a BIO5 internship. Now she opens the door for others.

After discovering the BIO5 Institute by chance, **Carolina Noriega**, a student from Arizona's border region, turned a life-changing internship into an opportunity to mentor and inspire future students.

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Inspiration found during sabbatical leads to publication

BIO5 member **Amelia Gallitano** collaborated with researchers in Japan to explore how increasing the activity of a gene involved in memory could improve memory, with findings that may inform future research on dementia and mental health conditions.

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5 things you might not know about the brown recluse

BIO5 member **Matthew Cordes** explains what people should know about brown recluse spiders, including why bites are uncommon, how to identify these spiders and how new research is improving understanding of their venom.

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Hidden root structures could help scientists grow more resilient crops

BIO5 member **Alexander Bucksch** and U of A student researchers are uncovering how hidden root structures help crops absorb nutrients, manage water and withstand drought and poor soil, discoveries that could support more resilient agriculture.

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Behind-the-Scenes



Celebrating KEYS on the first day of classes

KEYS alums Benite Luhando and Adam Bedeir joined Isabela Lisco from KOLD as part of the channel's first day of school broadcast from the U of A.

The two discussed their current research as well as how KEYS impacted their education.

See the full story.

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