

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Why is NHGRI creating a strategic plan?

Building on our leadership role in the Human Genome Project, NHGRI has a rich history of developing strategic plans that shape and expand the field of genomics, both within the National Institutes of Health and at public and private organizations throughout the world. NHGRI's most recent strategic plans were published in 2003 and 2011. With a new decade rapidly approaching and genomic advances occurring at a breathtaking pace, NHGRI decided to launch a new round of strategic planning - one that aims to produce a new strategic plan in late 2020. This "2020 vision for genomics" will detail the most exciting opportunities for genomics research and its application to human health and disease at the dawn of the new decade.

### What areas of genomics will NHGRI emphasize in its strategic planning?

With a general focus on human health and disease, NHGRI aims to identify, lead and support areas of genomics that are a paradigm-setting and expand the field into new frontiers - THE FOREFRONT OF GENOMICS®. To maintain this focus, we expect to prioritize certain areas over others.

Newly emerging areas of genomics, such as those that are not well-defined, lack significant investments, and are not specific to particular diseases or physiological systems, will be prioritized during the strategic planning process. Areas in which NHGRI will likely share leadership, involvement and funding to support the research are expected to be included in our strategic planning process. However, we expect to deemphasize areas that are well-established or that are being sufficiently funded by other organizations.

### How can I get involved?

Broad input from NHGRI's diverse set of stakeholders is critical for developing a strategic plan. Therefore, we plan to engage a variety of communities and the public through multiple channels, which will include workshops, town halls, social media conversations and more. Visit our **Get Involved** webpage to find out about opportunities to contribute to our strategic planning process.

### When and where will the town halls take place?

We plan to convene a series of town halls across the United States to explore opportunities in genomics. The town halls will involve members of the research and medical communities, the public, and our grantees, among others. To learn about upcoming events, visit our **News and Events** timeline.

### When did the strategic planning process start?

The current round of NHGRI strategic planning officially began on February 12, 2018, with a presentation by institute director, Eric Green, M.D., Ph.D., at the 82<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the National Advisory Council for Human Genome Research. Watch a video of Dr. Green's presentation, "**En Route to a 2020 Vision for Genomics: The Next Round of NHGRI Strategic Planning**".

### When will the strategic plan be completed?

The strategic planning process will culminate in the publication of a new strategic plan in October 2020 to commemorate the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the launch of the Human Genome Project.

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