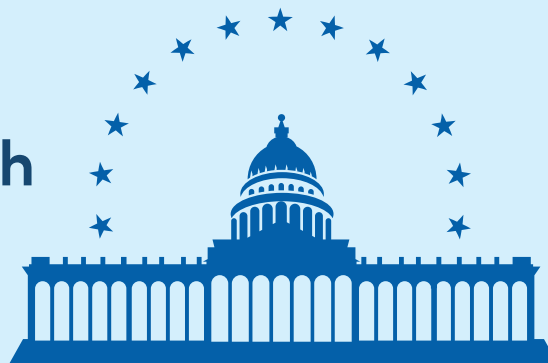


Increasing racial and ethnic diversity in genomics research

Ankita Arora, Nucleus Genomics
Science advocacy case study

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Overview

Arora wanted to better understand recent improvements in and the road ahead for DEI in precision medicine initiatives at the state and local levels. Her ultimate goal was to advocate for the creation of a statewide program for precision medicine grounded in DEI principles.

Activity

Organized a webinar with leaders from NIH's All of Us Research program, California Initiative to Advance Precision Medicine, and the American Association for Cancer Research. The webinar shed light on current strategies at the national and state level toward precision medicine initiatives.

Results

- Moderated a webinar hosted by the ASBMB public affairs department and attended by dozens of interested participants.
- Published an opinion piece in The Colorado Sun.

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About the advocate

Ankita Arora is an RNA researcher and science writer who is passionate about biotechnology, rare diseases, genomics, global health and science policy. She loves to share her passion for science with nonscientists by bridging the gap between researchers and the public. She has participated in the ASBMB Advocacy Training Program, the ASBMB Today volunteer contributors program and the eLife community ambassador program. As a woman in STEM with lived experience in three continents, she has advocated for implementing DEI practices in STEM with a focus on international scholars.