

Taking pride in biology

June is LGBTQIA+ Pride Month in the United States, where part of the *Communications Biology* team is based. However, we recognize that Pride Month is just one of many opportunities to celebrate the achievements of this community, and remain committed to using our platform as a journal to amplify and honor queer voices year-round.

For many, Pride Month is a time to celebrate the important contributions made by the LGBTQIA+ community to science and society. However, once Pride ends, LGBTQIA+ researchers will continue their fight for recognition and equality throughout the world, even without the extra stage offered by Pride celebrations. While Pride provides a vital spotlight on the LGBTQIA+ community, queer researchers deserve our support more than 30 days out of the year.



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As a journal, *Communications Biology* is dedicated to providing a safe platform for queer researchers to share their scientific stories and personal experiences year-round. We are proud to have been able to highlight LGBTQIA+ researchers at multiple career stages, as part of ongoing initiatives like [Transgender Day of Visibility](#) (March 31)^{1,2}, [LGBTQIA+ STEM Day](#) (November 18)^{3,4}, and our Q&A series⁵. We encourage our readers to explore these stories in more detail, through our blog series on LGBTQIA+ [early-career researchers](#), as well as our new [Q&A Collection](#) highlighting scientists from diverse backgrounds and career stages.

Whenever possible, our editors will also continue to directly engage with the LGBTQIA+ community at larger-scale conferences like the [Out in STEM](#) annual meeting, or more local programs like [Scientific QUEERies](#)⁴. Even outside of these conferences or symposia, we are committed to provide training opportunities to LGBTQIA+ early-career researchers through [peer review](#), or [consult](#) on publications and editorial career options. Moreover, we will continue to advocate and amplify vital programming from organizations like [Trans in STEM](#)⁵, [Pride in STEM](#), and [500 Queer Scientists](#), all of which help promote LGBTQIA+ visibility in the sciences.

The LGBTQIA+ community deserves more than just the visibility provided through Pride, and, while small, we hope that our actions as a journal will help spark discussion (and, importantly, action) on how science as a whole can better support queer researchers.

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