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Global Highly Cited Researchers 2019 list reveals top scientific talent

This year's list features four scientists at La Jolla Institute for Immunology

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LA JOLLA, CA—Four researchers—or 19 percent of La Jolla Institute for Immunology's faculty—have been named in the Highly Cited Researchers 2019 list from the Web of Science Group. The 2019 [Highly Cited Researchers](#) list, released November 19 by the Web of Science Group, identifies scientists who produced multiple papers ranking in the top 1% by citations for their field and year of publication, demonstrating significant research influence among their peers.

La Jolla Institute for Immunology faculty on the list include [Professor Shane Crotty, Ph.D.](#), whose groundbreaking work on the immunology underlying vaccines earned him a spot on the list for the fourth year in a row; [Professor Alessandro Sette, Dr. Biol.Sci.](#), whose sustained efforts to systematically dissect the immune response to a wide range of microbes and allergens has a tremendous impact on the field of immunology, made the list for the second year.

This year, they are joined by [Professor Bjoern Peters, Ph.D.](#), who helped established the Immune Epitope Database, a free, searchable site that houses data from more than 1.6 million experiments, making it a one-stop shop for understanding and predicting the body's response to viruses, bacteria, cancer, allergens and more, and [Professor Anjana Rao, Ph.D.](#), whose pioneering insights into the fundamentals of T cell biology have the potential to successfully address T cell exhaustion, which, in the past, has limited the success of cancer immunotherapies.

The 2019 list includes 6,217 highly cited researchers in various fields from nearly 60 nations. The methodology behind the list draws on the data and analysis performed by bibliometric experts from the Institute for Scientific Information at the Web of Science Group.

This is the second year that researchers with cross-field impact—those with exceptional broad performance based on high impact papers across several fields—have been identified. LJI researchers recognized for cross-field impact include Drs. Peters, Rao and Sette, which is not only a testament to their research prowess but also a strong signal of the increasing influence and importance of immunology on the broader scientific discourse.

About La Jolla Institute for Immunology

The [La Jolla Institute for Immunology](#) is dedicated to understanding the intricacies and power of the immune system so that we may apply that knowledge to promote human health and prevent a wide range of diseases. Since its founding in 1988 as an independent, nonprofit research organization, the Institute has made numerous advances leading toward its goal: *life without disease*.

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