

# High risk, high reward

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Since 1933, the Laboratory's acclaimed academic publishing house, CSHL Press, has been an innovator in spreading scientific knowledge around the globe. Its latest foray into a preprint distribution service called bioRxiv puts CSHL at the center of a revolution in scientific communication—giving biomedical researchers the freedom to share their discoveries publicly before submitting to a peer-reviewed scholarly journal. Nearly 3 years old, bioRxiv has reached critical mass, gaining appeal among the biomedical community's top shelf. When CSHL alumna and Nobel Prize winner Carol Greider submitted to bioRxiv earlier this year, it was seen as a tipping point. "Scientific communication must evolve to meet the needs of researchers and speed the transmission of scientific knowledge to the public,"

said CSHL Press Executive Director John Inglis. In the tradition of the Lab, the high-risk gambit to launch a free preprint server was visionary and made possible by private philanthropic support. The ultimate goal could not be more in line with CSHL's historic institutional mission: to advance biomedical research and education.

