

# THE JACKSON LABORATORY OPEN HOUSE



## SPOTLIGHT ON JASMINA UVALIC

Jasmina Uvalic is a clinical genomic technologist in the JAX Mice and Clinical & Research Services division, working on genetic testing of human samples. The JAX clinical lab normally performs somatic tumor testing of patient samples using next generation sequencing technologies, but with the recent COVID-19 pandemic Jasmina's work drastically changed. Now she's part of the JAX COVID-19 testing team, performing diagnostic tests for the novel SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus.

Born in Bosnia, Jasmina moved to the United States with her family at age 11 and grew up in Connecticut. She attended Central Connecticut State University and majored in Biology. "Once I got to college I confirmed I wanted to be in the science field and in a lab, so I tried to take as many courses with labs as I could, and that's helped me a lot in my current role".



In addition to her bachelor's, she earned a Technologist in Molecular Biology certification from the [American Society for Clinical Pathology](#), which gave her the proper credentials to work in clinical laboratories and handle human specimens. "I truly enjoy my current job and working at JAX, I feel like I get to make a true impact and love what I do at the same time. Can't beat that!" Jasmina thinks science is beautiful because, "it is always evolving and there are so many different fields of study and career options available, so what you start out doing can lead you to something totally different when you're in science."

