

Xabier Vázquez-Campos, PhD

Computational biologist | Environmental microbiologist

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EDUCATION

- 2015
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2011
- PhD in Environmental Engineering**
The University of New South Wales 📍 Sydney, Australia
· Thesis: "Geomicrobiological aspects of the (bio)leaching of weathered low-grade uranium ore". [doi](#)
 - MSc in Microbiology**
Autonomous University of Madrid 📍 Madrid, Spain
· Thesis: "Set-up of molecular ecology methodologies for the monitoring of microbial populations in an indirect reactor for the bioleaching of Zn from polymetallic sulfide concentrates" [in Spanish].
 - Licenciante in Biology**
University of Vigo 📍 Vigo, Spain

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Current
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2023
- Senior research associate / Postdoctoral fellow**
School of Biotechnology and Biomolecular Sciences 📍 The University of New South Wales
 - Research assistant (casual)**
School of Biotechnology and Biomolecular Sciences 📍 The University of New South Wales
 - Bioinformatics scientist**
MINIMUM bio 📍 Sydney, Australia
 - Visiting fellow**
School of Biotechnology and Biomolecular Sciences 📍 The University of New South Wales
 - Senior research associate / Postdoctoral fellow**
NSW Systems Biology Initiative. School of Biotechnology and Biomolecular Sciences 📍 The University of New South Wales
 - Research associate / Postdoctoral fellow**
NSW Systems Biology Initiative. School of Biotechnology and Biomolecular Sciences 📍 The University of New South Wales
 - Research associate / Postdoctoral fellow**
BioGEMS group. Water Research Centre and School of Civil and Environmental Engineering 📍 The University of New South Wales

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COMPUTATIONAL BIOLOGY

- Amplicon data analysis (16S, 18S and ITS).
- Genome-based metagenomics.
- Phylogenetics and phylogenomics with maximum likelihood methods.
- Assembly and annotation of (meta)genomes, including eukaryotes.
- Experience with short and long read data.
- Structural modelling of proteins and protein complexes. Protein model evaluation.

CODING SKILLS

- Main languages: BASH and R. Some SQL and AWK.
- Reproducible reporting with Rmarkdown.
- Environment management with Conda.
- Experienced HPC user.
- Data visualisation and integration.

Made with the R package [pagedown](#).

The source code is available on my [datadrivencv-academic repository](#).

Last updated on 2025-12-01.

- 2011 • **Research assistant (casual)**
BioGEMS group, School of Civil and Environmental Engineering
📍 The University of New South Wales
- 2011 |
2010 • **Research assistant**
Bioprocesses Group, Faculty of Chemistry
📍 University of Vigo
- 2007 |
2006 • **Research assistant**
Bioprocesses Group, Faculty of Chemistry
📍 University of Vigo
- 2006 • **Teaching assistant**
Faculty of Biology
📍 University of Vigo



TEACHING EXPERIENCE



Courses

- 2020 • **CVEN9855 - Water & Wastewater Analysis**
School of Civil and Environmental Engineering.
📍 The University of New South Wales



Invited Lectures

- 2012 • **Uranium heap leaching: Microbiological aspects**
School of Civil and Environmental Engineering.
📍 The University of New South Wales





Workshops

- 2019 • **EMBL-ABR: Phylogenetic trees for beginners**
EMBL-ABR (Sydney node).
📍 The University of New South Wales
• Node organiser and facilitator.
- **EMBL-ABR: Implementing Scalable Bioinformatic Workflows in Snakemake & Nextflow**
EMBL-ABR (Sydney node).
📍 The University of New South Wales
• Facilitator.
- 2018 • **EMBL-ABR: 16S Metagenomics with Galaxy Australia**
EMBL-ABR (Sydney node).
📍 University of Sydney
• Facilitator.
- **Long-read Data Analysis Workshop**
NSW Systems Biology Initiative.
📍 The University of New South Wales
• Organiser, trainer, facilitator.







- 2011
- **Hands on Zotero, a free alternative to EndNote**
Bioprocesses group.  University of Vigo
• Organiser, sole trainer.

Supervision

- Current
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2022
- **Julia Meltzer**
PhD. Role: Cosupervisor.
 University of New South Wales
Biology of Asgard Archaea viruses
- 2024
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2019
- **Kevin Yonathan**
PhD. Role: External supervisor.
 University of Technology, Sydney
Study of the response of microbial communities to silver nanoparticles through metagenomics.

I have also informally supervised, supported, mentored, or collaborated with a total of 38 students across multiple levels (1 Course project, 16 Honours, 20 PhD, and 1 Practicum).

GRANTS

- 2021
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2020
- **Bioplatforms Australia / NSW Department of Industry RAAP – NCRIS NSW Co-investment Support Shared Grant**
 School of Biotechnology and Biomolecular Sciences / Ramaciotti Centre for Genomics at The University of New South Wales
• Total amount: AU\$600,000
- 2020
- **BABS sequencing grant**
Investigation of a phage capable of species cross-infection
 School of Biotechnology and Biomolecular Sciences / Ramaciotti Centre for Genomics at The University of New South Wales
• AU\$5,000 for sequencing
- 2020
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2019
- **ResTech Support Scheme**
OTUreporter pipeline coding project
 The University of New South Wales
• AU\$15,000
- 2015
- **Postdoctoral writing Fellowship Grant**
 School of Civil and Environmental Engineering at The University of New South Wales
• 0.4 FTE salary for 12 weeks
- 2015
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2011
- **UNSW Tuition fee scholarship**
 Graduate Research School at The University of New South Wales
• Tuition fees for PhD program
- 2015
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2011
- **Australian Postgraduate Award (Industry)**
 Australian Federal Government
• AU\$27,651.00 per year for 3.5 years



AWARDS

2020



SRAP Laureate 2020



Spanish Researchers in Australia-Pacific



PUBLICATIONS

2023

- **Cross-linking mass spectrometry discovers, evaluates, and corroborates structures and protein–protein interactions in the human cell**

Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences 120(17), e2219418120. [doi](#)

T. K. Bartolec, X. Vázquez-Campos, A. Norman, C. Luong, M. Johnson, R. J. Payne, M. R. Wilkins, J. P. Mackay & J. K. Low.

- **Evidence for a putative isoprene reductase in *Acetobacterium wieringae***

mSystems 8(2), e00119-23. [doi](#)

M. Kronen*, X. Vázquez-Campos*, M. R. Wilkins, M. Lee & M. J. Manefield [* co-first authors].

2021

- **Community-led, integrated, reproducible multi-omics with anvi'o**

Nature Microbiology 6(1), 3-6. [doi](#)

A. M. Eren, E. Kiefl, A. Shaiber, I. Veseli, S. E. Miller, M. S. Schechter, I. Fink, J. N. Pan, M. Yousef, E. C. Fogarty, F. Trigodet, A. R. Watson, Ö. C. Esen, R. M. Moore, Q. Clayssen, M. D. Lee, V. Kivenson, E. D. Graham, B. D. Merrill, A. Karkman, D. Blankenberg, J. M. Eppley, A. Sjödin, J. J. Scott, X. Vázquez-Campos, L. J. McKay, E. A. McDaniel, S. L. Stevens, R. E. Anderson, J. Fuessel, A. Fernandez-Guerra, L. Maignien, T. O. Delmont & A. D. Willis.

2015

- **Uranium binding mechanisms of the acid-tolerant fungus *Coniochaeta fodinicola***

Environmental Science & Technology 49(14), 8487-8496. [doi](#)

X. Vázquez-Campos, A. S. Kinsela, R. N. Collins, B. A. Neilan, N. Aoyagi & T. D. Waite.

2014

- ***Fodinomyces uranophilus* gen. nov. sp. nov. and *Coniochaeta fodinicola* sp. nov., two uranium mine inhabiting Ascomycota fungi from northern Australia**

Mycologia 106(6), 1073-1089. [doi](#)

X. Vázquez-Campos, A. S. Kinsela, T. D. Waite, R. N. Collins & B. A. Neilan.



CONFERENCE CONTRIBUTIONS

2019

- **Unusual DPANN Archaea from a radioactive legacy site**

Australian Microbial Ecology Conference (AusME 2019). [doi](#)

📍 Perth, WA, Australia

X. Vázquez-Campos, A. S. Kinsela, M. W. Bligh, M. R. Wilkins, T. E. Payne & T. D. Waite [oral presentation].

Selected peer-reviewed publications (5 out of 25). For a full list of my publications, including pre-prints and manuscripts under review, please consult [my long-format CV](#).

Selected abstracts presented at conferences (5 out of 10, including 3 oral presentation and 7 posters).

I have also contributed to 30 abstracts presented by co-authors at conferences.

2018

● **OTUreporter: an automated pipeline for the analysis and report of amplicon sequencing data**

ABACBS-2018 National Conference. [doi](#)

📍 Melbourne, VIC, Australia

X. Vázquez-Campos, A. Chilton, J. Koval, J. J. Tree & M. R. Wilkins [poster].

● **New Archaea lineages from a radioactive legacy site**

Molecular biology of archaea: From mechanisms to ecology (MoBA6). [doi](#)

📍 Vienna, Austria

X. Vázquez-Campos, A. S. Kinsela, M. W. Bligh, M. R. Wilkins, T. E. Payne & T. D. Waite [poster].

2017

● **Metagenomic and geochemical changes following rainfall at a legacy radionuclide waste disposal site**

Australian Microbial Ecology Conference (AusME 2017). [doi](#)

📍 Melbourne, VIC, Australia

X. Vázquez-Campos, A. S. Kinsela, T. E. Payne & T. D. Waite [oral presentation].

2016

● **Rainfall-mediated biogeochemical changes at a legacy radionuclide waste disposal site**

16th International Symposium on Microbial Ecology (ISME16). [doi](#)

📍 Montreal, Canada

X. Vázquez-Campos, A. S. Kinsela, J. J. Harrison, K. Wilsher, S. Thiruvoth, B. Rowling, T. E. Payne & T. D. Waite [poster].



SERVICE

● **Institutional Service**

· **University of New South Wales**

· Postgraduate student representative at the OH&S Committee of the School of Civil and Environmental Engineering (2013–2015).

● **Professional Affiliations**

· **American Society for Microbiology**

· Regular member (2015–Current).

· **Australian Bioinformatics and Computational Biology Society**

· Regular member (2018–Current).

· **Australian Society for Microbiology**

· Regular member (2015–Current).

· **International Society for Microbial Ecology**

· Regular member (2014–Current).

· **Spanish Researchers in Australia-Pacific**

· Co-founder (2014).

· Board member and web/IT coordinator (2014–2020).

· Regular member (2021–Current).

● Conferences

- Australian Microbial Ecology conference 2022 (AusME2022)
 - Plenary chair and poster judge (2022).
- 6th Australia-Spain Research Forum: Big Data
 - Event registration (2020).
- 5th Australia-Spain Research Forum: 5 years Bridging Australia and Spain in Research and Academia
 - Website (2019).
- 4th Australia-Spain Research Forum: Earth
 - Website (2018).
- 3rd Australia-Spain Research Forum: Air
 - Website and event registration (2017).
- 2nd Australia-Spain Research Forum: Light
 - Website (2016).
- Australia-Spain Water Forum
 - Website and event photography (2015).

● Peer Reviews

Reviewer for >10 different journals since 2016, including leading journals in their own fields, e.g., *Astrobiology*, *Environmental Science and Technology*, or *Microbiome*.

For a full record as reviewer, consult my public [ResearcherID profile](#).