NewTermRequest (NTR) Hints

You are not required to make NTRs or to make the SourceForge accounts required for the request. NTRs do, however, count for additional points, so many students are interested in this process. All requests are sent via messageboards to the Gene Ontology staff who review the request and will happily make new terms if the request is valid. Expect this process to take at least a couple of days to possibly several weeks.

The messageboard is on SourceForge.com, but that site is so massive & deals with such a broad variety of sites it is hard to navigate. Use the links below.
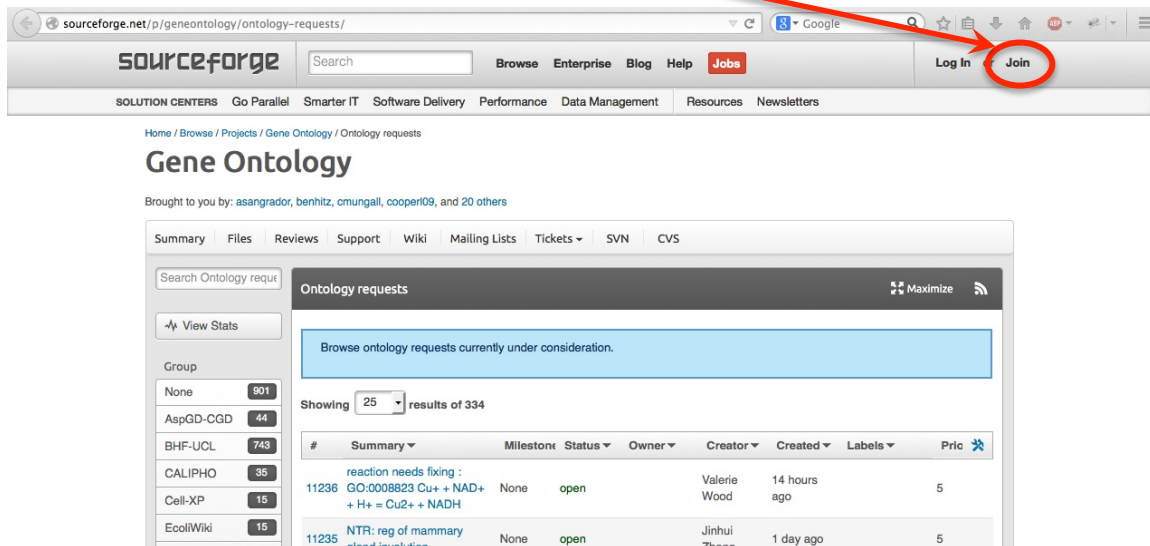
You can view the entire messageboard here:

http://sourceforge.net/p/geneontology/ontology-requests/

New terms can be made using this direct link:
https://sourceforge.net/p/geneontology/ontology-requests/new/

Part I: Getting a SourceForge Account
> 1. When you use the direct link above, you won't be able to create a new request (called a "ticket") or see the "Create a ticket" link without logging in.
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> Almost everyone will need to "Join"

1a. Enter in your information (remember to be professional when choosing usernames). You can select "Student" for your Job Title. If you have any issues registering, or don't feel comfortable registering for an account, please ask for help. You also don't need to consent to the "receive emails" box.

Register

Name:

Display name

Email:

Your e-mail address

Username:

Only lowercase letters, numbers, or dashes

Password:

Minimum of 10 chars

Confirm Password:

Enter password again

Country:

United States

Job Title:

Student/Retired

Number of Employees:

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By clicking on "Register" below, you are agreeing to the Terms of Use and the Privacy Policy.

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Part II: Make the New Term Request

1. Go back to the "Create Ticket" page at
https://sourceforge.net/p/geneontology/ontology-requests/new/ if you are not
automatically redirected after making your account.

2. Fill out the following information (most fields will remain unchanged):

Create Ticket: "NTR: *desired GO term name here*" (You won't be able to provide a GO ID)
Milestone: None
Status: open
Owner: *leave blank*
Priority: 5
Labels: *leave blank*

Description Box: Include at least, the following information, as complete as you can:
- *Potential GO term name* (again)
- *Definition*- this is essential. You probably identified the need for this term by finding a term that ALMOST worked- feel free to copy & paste that definition, making slight changes as you need
- *Where it goes in the Ontology*- indicate the parent term & parent term ID, possibly examples of "sibling" terms, and examples of term:IDs it would be the parent of (not always applicable)
- *References*- Give the PMID of the paper that supports this term. You can also add more info, as in references to specific parts of a paper, or multiple PMIDs.
- *(Aspect*- is it a Cellular Component, Biological Process, or Molecular Function? (This will probably be determined by the terms it is related to))
- *(Synonyms*- not required, but helps the Ontology make their decision)

Leave the "Mark as Private" box unticked. You probably won't need to upload any attachments, if someone needs you to upload a paper they'll ask.

Search Ontology request

Create Ticket: Title

- Create Ticket
- View Stats

Use this tracker to suggest changes in GO ontology content. Please provide an **informative** description in the "Summary" field (note: summary lines like "new term request" are not informative, please provide more information). If you mention any existing terms, please include both the text string and the ID.

"New term request": Request that a new term be added to the Gene Ontology. Please be as detailed as possible: include the term name, a suggested definition and database reference for that definition (e.g. FB:ma), a suggestion of where it should appear in the GO hierarchy, and any pertinent literature references, synonyms, etc..

"Other term-related request": suggest modifications to existing terms, movement of existing terms to correct paths; suggest definitions, or any other changes to the GO vocabularies.

"Term obsoletion": recommend that an existing term be made obsolete. Please include the reason(s).

Group

None	901
AspGD-CGD	44
BHF-UCL	743
CALIPHO	35
Cell-XP	15
EcoliWiki	15
FlyBase	162
MENGO	9
MGI	177
PAINT	392
Plant Ontology	15
PomBase	2002
Reactome	166
SGD	504
TAIR	468
TermGenie	2953
Uniprot	545
WormBase	83
PARL-UCL	23

Milestone: None

Status: open

Owner:

Priority: 5

Labels: add a tag

☐ Mark as Private

Updated: Now   **Created:** Now   **Creator:** Suzi Aleksander

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Add attachments

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Searches

all	1456
cell cycle	36
closed tickets	65
my assigned tickets	
my submitted tickets	

For more examples, look at the messageboard entries named "NTR: something":
- https://sourceforge.net/p/geneontology/ontology-requests/11209/
- https://sourceforge.net/tracker/?func=detail&aid=3599037&group_id=36855&atid=440764
- http://sourceforge.net/tracker/?func=detail&aid=3599849&group_id=36855&atid=440764