

Dr Xuan (Sally) Sun is a BHI Alumni who is currently a postdoctoral researcher with the CSIRO and Monash University in Melbourne, Victoria.

1. When were you based at the BHI?

I was based at the Adelaide Medical School, but worked at the BHI once or twice a week at the end of my PhD, from 2014 – 2015.

2. What where you doing then?

PhD student and postdoctoral fellow in Associate Professor Wendy Ingman's Breast Biology and Cancer Unit.

3. What attracted you to work/study at the BHI?

The BHI was a very nice environment to conduct research. It also provided a lot resources in terms of collaboration and equipment.

4. What were the best things about working/studying at the BHI?

I was able to collaborate with different research groups.

5. Do you have a favourite memory of your time at the BHI?

I really enjoyed TQEH Research Day and also the trivia competition.

6. Would you recommend the BHI as a place to work/study? Why?

I would recommend the BHI as a place to work/ study, as the institute has many great research groups.

7. What have you done since you left the BHI?

I am currently a postdoctoral researcher with CSIRO/ Monash University in Melbourne. I am working in the field of stem cell research, investigating the ageing of the haematopoietic stem cells, and promoting healthy ageing.

8. What is your biggest career highlight so far?

I am still at the early stage of my science career, so I think it's too soon to think about my career highlights. But I did receive an international PhD scholarship from The University of Adelaide and I think only 10 are awarded each year. And in 2015 I received a highly prestigious Outstanding Research Scholar Scholarship from the China Scholarship Council which is awarded to 500 outstanding Chinese students from different institutes around the world.

9. What advice would you give to any current/future students at the BHI?

Enjoy being part of a great science community and learn as much as you can.