

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.