

# Mentorship Event

5-6pm 20th August, 2026

SIFBI Cove, Level 4 Nanos Building, 31 Biopolis Way

**Curious about career options post PhD or Post-doc?**

Join us for an informal networking session with leaders in RNA science and beyond working in diverse sectors.



## Event format:

- **Small group discussion tables** – each hosted by one mentor for an informal chat
- **Rotate halfway** – switch tables to hear from mentors across different sectors
- **Come with questions** – share your interests when you register
- **Snacks provided**

## Dr. Sissi Lin

**Dr. Sissi Lin** is Senior Director of Chemistry & Pipeline Development at Bisirna Therapeutics, where she leads the development of novel oligonucleotide delivery technologies and contributes to pipeline strategy. With a background spanning strategy, R&D, and operations, she has worked across academia, startups, and translational research institutes. She is passionate about bridging science, innovation, and business. As Bisirna expands its Singapore research team, she is always excited to meet talented scientists who are interested in shaping the future of RNA therapeutics.

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## Dr. Aaron A. Smargon

**Dr. Aaron A. Smargon, Ph.D.** earned his bachelor's degree in Astrophysical Sciences from Princeton University and both his master's and doctoral degrees in Electrical Engineering & Computer Science from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). His doctoral research in the laboratory of Dr. Feng Zhang focused on the metagenomic discovery and biochemical and genetic characterization of Cas13b, one of the first widely used RNA-targeting CRISPR systems. Dr. Smargon later conducted his postdoctoral research at the University of California San Diego (UCSD) School of Medicine in the laboratory of Dr. Gene Yeo. There, he studied cellular risks of CRISPR systems and small nuclear RNAs as safer alternative biotechnologies for gene editing. Dr. Smargon's lead-author papers have been featured in high-impact peer-reviewed journals including Molecular Cell, Nature Cell Biology, Nature Chemical Biology, and Nature Communications. He has been invited to speak at top conferences in the CRISPR field, and he is an inventor on several patents licensed to biotechnology companies. In addition, Dr. Smargon was designated a Hartwell Fellow for his research in developing minimally invasive RNA therapeutics.

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## Dr. Priscilla Wong

**Dr. Priscilla Wong** is a biotech leader with over a decade of translational expertise, driving innovation from discovery to commercial development. She has advanced peptide and cell therapy programs to trials, forged multimillion-dollar global partnerships, managed complex IP portfolios, and turned scientific breakthroughs into impactful, commercially viable therapeutic solutions. She is currently in charge of IMCB's translational projects portfolio, helping PIs secure grants to advance their work and building potential NewCos.

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