

## Singapore opens joint lab to understand role of microbes for skin health

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### L'Oréal Singapore and NTU Singapore set up joint lab hosted by SCELSE

Nanyang Technological University, Singapore (NTU Singapore) and L'Oréal Singapore have launched a new joint laboratory hosted by the Singapore Centre for Environmental Life Sciences Engineering (SCELSE), to conduct research on the community of bacteria, fungi, and viruses (also called the microbiome) that live on our skin and scalp.

SCELSE, a leading biofilm and microbiome Research Centre of Excellence, will spearhead this collaboration with L'Oréal to understand the role of microbes for skin health.

The researchers will also look into possible applications of microbes for cosmetics and dermatology.

Located on the NTU Smart Campus, the joint lab is the culmination of the longstanding collaboration between SCELSE and L'Oréal Singapore.

The partners have already jointly patented new technologies and this initiative will further strengthen their collaboration in the future.

About 20 researchers from SCELSE and L'Oréal are expected to work together in this joint laboratory.