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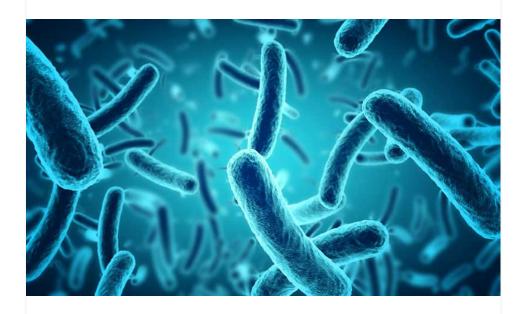
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## L'ORÉAL SINGAPORE AND NTU SINGAPORE OPEN JOINT LAB TO STUDY SKIN AND SCALP MICROBIOMES

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**THE WHAT?** L'Oréal Singapore has joined forces with Nanyang Technological University (NTU Singapore) to open a new joint laboratory to conduct research on the community of bacteria, fungi, and viruses (also called the microbiome) that live on our skin and scalp.

**THE DETAILS** Hosted by the Singapore Centre for Environmental Life Sciences Engineering (SCELSE), a leading biofilm and microbiome Research Centre of Excellence, the partnership will see around 20 researchers from SCELSE and L'Oréal work together in the joint laboratory.

The lab, located at the NTU Smart Campus, will be headed up by NTU Associate Professor Scott Rice, Deputy Director of the Biofilm Biology cluster at SCELSE, and Dr. Tarun Chopra, Director, Advanced Research, L'Oréal Singapore.

The collaboration evolves a standing relationship between L'Oréal Singapore and SCELSE, with the partners having already patented new technologies.

**THE WHY?** Working together, researchers will look into 'possible applications of microbes for cosmetics and dermatology.'

Dr. Mark Phong, Asia Director for L'Oréal's Advanced Research Labs, said: "We are looking forward to working with SCELSE to further explore the area of skin and scalp microbiomes, to fuel future innovations for our consumers."