



After obtaining her Biochemist title and a Masters degree at Universidad de Chile in Santiago (2009), Cecilia Silva-Valenzuela enrolled into the Biomedical Sciences PhD program at the same university, graduating in 2014. For her PhD degree she traveled for long-term stay at University California, Irvine where she worked on the mechanisms involved in the preferential colonization and localization of *Salmonella Typhimurium* within murine mammary tumor tissue. Then, in 2015 she got a postdoctoral position at Tufts University in Boston, MA, USA where she worked in the ecology of *Vibrio cholerae* and its lytic viruses (bacteriophages). In 2016, she was named PEW Latin American Fellow in the Biomedical Sciences to continue her postdoctoral training until 2018. Her current work focuses on the use of genetic tools to characterize biological processes in microbes as well as in the development or improvement of bacterial therapies.

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