

# Canaan

## **Colleen Cuffaro**

Principal / East Coast  
Since 2014

Colleen's investment focus is early stage biopharmaceutical companies. Her interests lie in transformative medical technologies that deliver value to providers and patients alike. In 2017, she led Canaan's Series A investment in Arrakis, which is discovering and developing small-molecule medicines that target RNA. She serves on the company's board.

Colleen observes on the boards of Spyryx Biosciences, NextCure, and Arvinas. Previously she was a board observer at Novira Therapeutics which was acquired by Johnson & Johnson. In her time at Canaan, she helped launch the Canaan-Yale Fellowship program. She is also a reviewer for the Long Island Biosciences Hub, the Robertson Therapeutic Development Fund at Rockefeller University, and an adviser to PITCH (Program in Innovative Therapeutics for Connecticut's Health).

Prior to joining Canaan in 2014, Colleen worked as an analytical chemist at Pharmaceutical Manufacturing and Research Services where she supported drug product development from the preclinical to commercial phase. She also served as a bioscience analyst for the inaugural class of Entrepreneurship Lab NYC, an accelerator program for healthcare startups.

She earned a Ph.D. in Cellular and Molecular Physiology from Yale University and a B.A. in Chemistry from the University of Pennsylvania. An avid athlete, Colleen enjoys the outdoors and competes in running, cycling, and triathlon races and is a four-time Ironman competitor.

## **About Canaan**

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