# Who are the women involved in STEM?

## The most rewarding part of my job is

Making connections with doctors, other healthcare professionals and patients, providing information on how to use our company's medicines optimally and enhancing understanding of the diseases these medicines are used to treat.

## **Professional**

## **Top-level responsibilities**

Exchanging scientific information between the company and healthcare professionals.

## Day-to-day work and skills

Reading and analysing scientific literature, communicating scientific concepts to a variety of audiences and managing a variety of projects.

## **Personal**

## **Current location and community**

Sydney, New South Wales

#### My interests and hobbies

I enjoy learning languages, playing piano and bass guitar, bushwalking, and learning random things.

## I am passionate about

Learning, sharing knowledge with others, and helping others to fulfil their potential.

#### What I would say to 16-year-old me

Focus on enjoying learning rather on what marks you'll get or what you think your job will be or look like.



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In high school I enjoyed a variety of subjects, particularly Biology, Chemistry, but also Japanese and Maths.

After high school, I studied a Bachelor of Pharmacy and trained to be a pharmacist.

During my Honours year, I discovered an interest in doing research.

I took a leap of faith to continue my research in kidney disease and treatments through a laboratorybased PhD.

After my PhD, I started working in the pharmaceutical industry and now have a role working in the kidney therapy area.



