

Who are the women involved in STEM?

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When I grew up I knew I wanted to be

A pharmacist because I was fascinated with how medications worked and how they could be used to improve people's health.

Professional

Top-level responsibilities

Research and development into new radiopharmaceuticals used to diagnose and treat diseases such as cancer and neurological disorders.

Day-to-day work and skills

In the laboratory I use a range of scientific instruments and analytical equipment to perform experiments. As a scientist, I use problem-solving and data analysis skills every day and need excellent communication skills to work with other scientists and write reports.

Personal

Current location and community

SYDNEY, NSW

My interests and hobbies

Bushwalking, photography, travelling, reading biographies of interesting people.

I am passionate about

Working in a field that has a huge impact on health outcomes.

What I would say to 16-year-old me

Follow your interests and take all the opportunities you can.



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I was always a curious child who loved maths and science at school.

In Year 11, I undertook work experience in a pharmacy which led to a part-time job for the rest of high school and my time at university.

Completed a Bachelor of Medicinal Chemistry degree and a PhD in chemistry.

As a scientist, I have collaborated with other scientists from around the world and my job has allowed me to travel to places in Europe, Asia and the US.

I enjoy working in a multidisciplinary team with chemists, biologists, physicists and engineers. We all have specialised knowledge and work together to solve common problems.