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SCIENCE SAVES LIVES

More than ever, science is improving health and making the world a better place

PAMELA NAIDOO-AMEGLIO
GEOLOGIST AND GROUP EXECUTIVE, ANSTO

It's been a big two years. COVID-19 turned our world upside down, but with everything from innovations in virus testing to amazing new vaccine technology, living through the pandemic has also shown us the power of science to uncover solutions and ultimately save lives.

ANSTO is Australia's nuclear science and technology organisation. It's home to cutting-edge nuclear science research in areas from advanced materials to environmental science. We are also in the business of using science to save lives.

Meet some of the science heroes of the last two years in this magazine, including beamline scientist Dr Santosh Panjikar (P13), who is part of a team that has helped researchers use ANSTO's nuclear science facilities remotely to help us understand COVID-19. But it's not just about stepping up in a pandemic – ANSTO also manufactures and distributes lifesaving nuclear medicine to healthcare providers around Australia everyday.

The STEM career opportunities in nuclear medicine at ANSTO and the broader health industry are incredibly diverse. You could work in production and quality control, the supply chain

and logistics of nuclear medicine delivery, or research on early development of new radioisotopes and radiopharmaceuticals. Continuous improvement and new projects also offer the opportunity to apply new technology and design thinking to improve safety, reliability and sustainability. You can find out more about STEM careers in nuclear medicine on pages 10-11.

ANSTO's STEM workforce has joined us from a range of industries, including pharmaceutical, aviation, engineering, manufacturing, logistics, finance and communications, as well as graduates and apprentices.

My own early study path was in geology and I have since pivoted from a 24-year career in the mining industry to my current leadership role at ANSTO. I've found the change exhilarating.

The range of disciplines and diversity of experience and backgrounds at ANSTO enables us to find solutions and be innovative.

Pamela Naidoo-Ameglio

Group Executive, Nuclear Operations and Nuclear Medicine, ANSTO

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WHY SCIENCE?

Science is critical for a prosperous, safe and sustainable future. Scientists are at the forefront of helping us understand, prevent and adapt to climate change; they've helped us navigate the COVID-19 pandemic and brought us life-saving vaccines; they've revealed the wonders of the cosmos to us.

Scientists aren't just in the business of solving global challenges, they're helping to build our economy through creative innovations, collaborations and industry partnerships. And the skills you'll learn in a science degree or career will equip you for next-gen careers, no matter the path you choose.

Careers with STEM aims to inspire and inform you about the science careers of the future, and showcase real, diverse faces of science in Australia.

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From physiotherapy to nuclear medicine, meet science heroes working in different fields with one thing in common: our bodies.

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Discover how not just engineers but scientists too will be at the forefront of powering the renewable energy revolution. Mind blown!

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What does a scientist look like?

Leave your lab coats at the door because we're smashing science stereotypes!



Close your eyes and picture a scientist. If you see an eccentric, white-haired man doing risky experiments in a lab, it's time to replace that image (which has probably been formed by Hollywood movies or outdated textbooks).

Stereotypes are harmful, especially in STEM. If people can't 'see' themselves in science, they're less likely to pursue it. And that's exactly what's happening – while STEM jobs are growing by the year, enrolments in STEM degrees are declining,

especially for women and minorities. The latest STEM Equity Monitor stats show STEM enrolments for women are just 36%.

To combat this, we love shining the spotlight on Australia's diverse scientists. And as well as showing you that not just one type of person can be a scientist, we want you to know that science degrees and skills can be used in many different ways.

Scientists don't just work in labs. You'll find them in health clinics, schools and businesses, and out in the field, too. Think: oceans, forests and deserts.

Here are four scientists flexing their skills in unexpected ways... and places! – Louise Meers

#1



KIERA FLYNN
CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER

Kiera's background in biomedicine helped her land a communications role at L'Oreal, Australia's largest beauty group: bit.ly/kiera-flynn

#2



BRADLEY MOGGRIDGE
WATER SCIENTIST

Proud Kamilaroi man Bradley switched from studying geology to environmental science at uni, followed by a Masters researching Aboriginal people's knowledge of and relationship with groundwater. He's worked in research, government and academia, specialising in the Indigenous values of water and the environment: bit.ly/moggridge

#3



BONNY RAWSON
PRODUCT TECHNOLOGIST

Bonny, a Ballardong Noongar woman, discovered a new world of food via an airline corporate gig! Now she's a product technologist for Coles, working to improve the retail giant's grocery products: bit.ly/bonny-rawson

#4



DR JAMES O'HANLON
FREELANCE ARTIST AND SCIENTIST

James has combined his creativity with science skills to create a one-of-a-kind career, including everything from podcasting to illustrating science-themed kids' books: bit.ly/james-ohanlon



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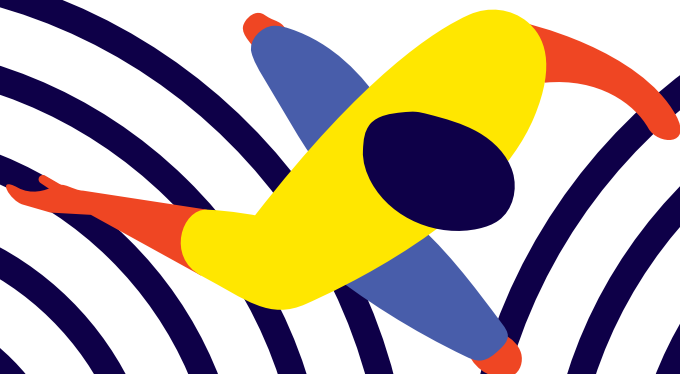
The tools on Your Career offer personalised information and advice by matching your skills, interests and goals to careers that may suit you.

You can explore over 1200 occupations listed from A-to-Z, see how much you might earn, learn what a real day on the jobs looks like, understand what kind of job prospects exist in a particular field - and what skills you need to get you there.

Find up to date, accurate careers information and advice about where the opportunities are now and where they'll be in the future at yourcareer.gov.au.

You can also access the School Leavers Information Service:

- calling **1800 CAREER** (1800 227 337), or
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HUMAN CONNECTIONS

The human body remains an exciting frontier of science, full of opportunity for innovation and discovery

From Leonardo da Vinci's earliest discoveries of the human anatomy to Gregor Johann Mendel's work in the field of genetics, Neil Armstrong's Moon landing to the latest COVID-19 vaccines, our understanding of human biology keeps evolving and there hasn't been a more exciting time to get involved in the study of the human body.

So how does science fit in? As the risk of future pandemics and our need to find lifestyle solutions to help our ageing population, food shortages and climate pressures increase, so too does our demand for innovation in STEM careers.

For example, Artificial Intelligence (AI) is changing the way we diagnose disease: computers can already be programmed to spot early signs on medical scans at least as quickly and accurately as human experts! But we still need people to think critically and creatively.

As diseases evolve and emerge (hello Omicron), we'll need new medicines and vaccines, so immunologists and biologists will be in demand, too. When it comes to viruses and the disease cycle, it's the field of virology that'll be in the spotlight.

Research into the effects of diet on human health and longevity – as well as the ever-changing foods we consume and low food supplies as a result of climate change – means food science and nutritional science will be a popular pathway, too.

Or, want to develop the next best 3D-printed research aid for limb or organ replacement after illness? Material science is the gig you'll want to try.

Whatever part of the human body interests you, there's a science to support it and a STEM career path to match. – Angela Crompton

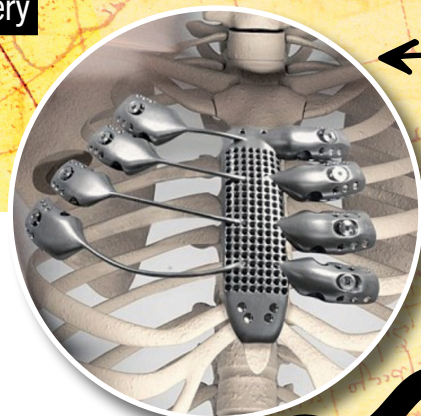
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*Source: salaries according to payscale.com



TAKE 5 FOR A HEALTH DRIVE

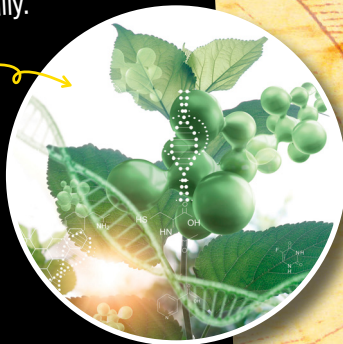
INTERESTED IN THE HUMAN BODY BUT DON'T WANT TO BE A "REGULAR" DOC? HERE ARE FIVE EXAMPLES OF EMERGING STEM FIELDS YOU CAN CONSIDER INSTEAD...

1. 3D-PRINTED IMPLANTS

Implants of the 3D kind have become game changers for the human bod. And they need scientists to design 'em! A 3D-printed sternum and rib implant developed in a collab between CSIRO and Anatomics (an Australian medical device manufacturer), and inserted by docs in Spain, helped save a cancer patient's life. Literally.

2. PRECISION NUTRITION

Combining machine learning with the study of genetics and biochemistry, researchers identify diet and lifestyle interventions that aim to help treat disease, promote health, and enhance performance in elite athletes. It's predicted that by 2027, personalised nutrition could be worth more than US\$15 billion! Which is excellent news on the career front!



3. GUT MICROBIOME

This 'organ' consists of more than 1000 species of bacteria and other microbes, which is a whole lotta research in your belly. The study around the health of the gut microbiome in conditions such as Alzheimer's, Parkinson's and depression is really taking off, so employment in understanding how the gut affects overall health is high.



4. CLIMATE-SENSITIVE HEALTH

In November 2021, a Canadian woman became the first person to receive an official diagnosis as suffering from 'climate change', demonstrating how humans are vulnerable to the impacts of extreme events, including air quality, changes in the spread of infectious diseases, threats to food and water quality and quantity, and effects on our mental health. So get on board to help find solutions!



5. THERANOSTICS

Theranostics is – you guessed it – medicine that's both a treatment (therapeutics) and diagnostic. This emerging field in nuclear medicine highlights radioactive particles that are used to both view and treat cancer cells. (Turn over the page for more nuclear medicine career inspo!)



DR ALISON TODD
CO-FOUNDER AND CHIEF
SCIENTIFIC OFFICER, SPEEDX



HEALTH INVENTOR

DR ALISON TODD HAS BUILT A DISTINGUISHED STEM CAREER AND GLOBAL HEALTH SCIENCE BIZ BASED ON PASSION AND CURIOSITY

As the Chief Scientific Officer and co-founder of SpeedX, a molecular diagnostics company, Alison spends her days inventing. She has 85 patented inventions so far, with 57 more awaiting approval!

Her company SpeedX is focused on improving healthcare around the world, from developing diagnostic tools for infectious diseases or cancer to helping doctors select the right therapy for individual patients and developing fast COVID-19 tests.

Alison started uni studying vet science. She soon shifted to a Bachelor of Science with Honours in Physiology, but it was DNA and molecular biology that she found her sweet spot during third year.

Alison's PhD supervisor asked her to look at various mutations in DNA in people with leukaemia. His suggested method would have taken three days and used radioactivity, but Alison was keen to get the results quicker and more simply.

Her dream was to take a blood sample, unlock the secrets in the DNA and use that information to monitor the disease. And that's what she did.

In 2020, Alison and SpeedX co-founder Dr Elisa Mokany were awarded the Australian Academy of Technology and Engineering's Clunies Ross Award for Innovation. Her advice to students looking to score their own science goals: "Follow your passion, be patient and persistent. And above all do what you love. You spend so much time working, it makes no sense not to." – Louise Denver

FOLLOW YOUR PASSION. BE PATIENT AND PERSISTENT

CHIEF SCIENTIFIC OFFICER
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ADJUNCT PROFESSOR,
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PHD (MOLECULAR BIOLOGY),
UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY

MOLECULAR MEDICINE

Want to save lives and work at the cutting edge of chemistry and physics? Meet four STEM experts with the lowdown on nuclear medicine

DR NIGEL LENGKEEK
SENIOR RADIOCHEMIST,
ANSTO

EVER BEEN TO THE HOSPITAL FOR A NUCLEAR MEDICINE SCAN OR THERAPY? MANY OF THE MATERIALS WE NEED TO DO THESE CRITICAL TESTS ARE MADE RIGHT HERE IN AUSTRALIA.

ANSTO – Australia's Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation – is home to the Open Pool Australian Lightwater nuclear reactor, aka OPAL, which is a state-of-the-art multipurpose reactor producing 75 to 80 per cent of the radioactive isotopes used in 700,000 lifesaving patient procedures in Australia every year.

"Nuclear medicine is a critical part of modern health systems and is delivered in hospitals and medical centres to diagnose and treat a vast array of illnesses, including cancer and heart, lung, muscular, neurological and skeletal conditions," explains Dr Geoff Currie, a nuclear medicine professor at Charles Sturt University in Wagga Wagga.

Geoff says demand for nuclear medicine is growing and the job opportunities are diverse: "A career in nuclear medicine could take the shape of a physician, medical physicist, radiopharmacist or, the largest professional group, a nuclear medicine technologist or scientist."

Here are four people working in exciting roles in nuclear medicine... – Gemma Chilton

NUCLEAR NAME DROP

There are so many jobs in the nuclear medicine arena! Find one that suits you...

IF YOU'RE INTO GUIDING PEOPLE...

- ✓ Asset Manager
- ✓ Capability and Training Leader
- ✓ Compliance and Quality Manager
- ✓ Development Manager (Scientists)
- ✓ General Manager
- ✓ Microbiology Manager

IF YOU'RE A PLANNER/THINKER/CREATOR...

- ✓ Process Engineer
- ✓ Process Specialist
- ✓ Product Specialist
- ✓ Research Scientist
- ✓ Systems Engineer

Nigel was always interested in "how things work". As a senior radiochemist in the Biosciences team at ANSTO, he now gets to see things working up close every day. "I lead a team of radiochemists making radioactive molecules to detect and treat human disease, primarily cancer," he explains.

Nigel says nuclear medicine is an exciting space to be in, with lots of opportunity. "Over the last five years we have seen explosive growth in the nuclear medicine field," he says. "This growth requires people as much as it does facilities, equipment and funding, so there are growing gaps in the workforce."

SENIOR RADIOCHEMIST,
ANSTO

ORGANIC CHEMIST,
ANSTO

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OF ENGINEERING (MATERIALS ENGINEERING),
UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

In high school, Leena loved maths and problem-solving. She enrolled in a medicinal chemistry degree with plans to study postgraduate medicine but found she “loved chemistry and didn’t want to leave”.

Leena has worked at ANSTO for more than 10 years – managing a team producing different types of radioactive molecules called radioisotopes for use in medicine, and environmental and agricultural research – and will soon complete her PhD in chemistry, which she has been undertaking part-time. “We have only scratched the surface of what is possible,” she says.

LEENA HOGAN

RADIOISOTOPES + IRRADIATIONS MANAGER, ANSTO

RADIOISOTOPES + IRRADIATIONS MANAGER, ANSTO

RADIOCHEMIST, ANSTO

CHEMIST, CERAMISPHERE

PHD (CHEMISTRY), UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY

BACHELOR OF MEDICAL CHEMISTRY, UNIVERSITY OF WOLLONGONG

IF YOU'RE ALL ABOUT THE DETAILS...

- ✓ Quality Assurance Manager
- ✓ Quality Control Manager
- ✓ Regulatory Affairs Manager
- ✓ Senior Technical and product Specialist
- ✓ Validation Manager

JESSICA WHITEHOUSE

NUCLEAR MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIST, I-MED RADIOLOGY NETWORK, TASMANIA

Jessica first found out about nuclear medicine as a career option when she was in year 12 and has been fascinated ever since.

She’s now landed a job with Tasmania’s I-MED Radiation Network as a nuclear medicine technologist, running diagnostic scans on patients. Jessica believes that “nuclear medicine is the way of the future”.

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NUCLEAR MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIST, I-MED RADIOLOGY NETWORK, TASMANIA

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BACHELOR OF HEALTH (MEDICAL RADIATION SCIENCE), CHARLES STURT UNIVERSITY

STEPHANIE SANCHEZ

NUCLEAR MEDICINE TECHNOLOGIST, QUEENSLAND X-RAY

In high school, Stephanie loved sport and science, and although she didn’t consider herself to be very academic, nuclear medicine got her attention.

“It’s a good balance between science (working in a lab) and patient interaction,” says Stephanie. “This allows me to use my brain every day while being able to look after and care for people.”

DIPLOMA OF TERTIARY PREPARATION

SCIENCE HEROES OF COVID-19

Meet Aussies who have played key roles in fighting the COVID-19 pandemic



WESLEY, JACK + DARCY. WEBSITE CREATORS. COVIDBASEAU

PANDEMIC ROLE: These three teens from Melbourne are behind CovidBaseAU, a website that breaks down Australian and global data on infections, hospitalisations, deaths and vaccinations.

LOOKING AHEAD: "We intend to keep it running and do our part in informing the community with insightful COVID-19 data."



DR MOHAMED FAREH
SENIOR RESEARCH FELLOW, PETER MACCALLUM CANCER CENTRE

PANDEMIC ROLE: Mohamed and a team of scientists discovered how to stop the SARS-CoV-2 virus from replicating in infected human cells. This is a huge step towards finding a treatment for COVID-19.

DR WARISH AHMED, SENIOR RESEARCH SCIENTIST, CSIRO

PANDEMIC ROLE: Warish leads a team analysing wastewater samples, looking for the presence of SARS-CoV-2 (the virus that causes COVID-19) in sewage to help detect the virus ahead of an outbreak.

WHAT HE LOVES ABOUT HIS JOB: "I love problem-solving through cutting-edge research and science."



PROFESSOR TONY CUNNINGHAM + DR EUNOK LEE, VIROLOGIST AND POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH SCIENTIST, THE WESTMEAD INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL RESEARCH

PANDEMIC ROLE: Tony and Eunok are combining virology knowledge and computer science skills to come up with a T-cell COVID-19 booster shot.

TONY'S ADVICE FOR FUTURE VIROLOGISTS: "Virology is of vital importance, underpinning the development of crucial vaccines and antiviral agents."



PROFESSOR RAINA MACINTYRE
HEAD OF THE BIOSECURITY PROGRAM, KIRBY INSTITUTE

PANDEMIC ROLE: Raina runs a research program that includes epidemiology, vaccinology, mathematical modelling and infectious diseases. She's also involved in COVID-19 research studies that help inform national and international policy in disease control.



DR MITRA SAFAVI-NAEINI + SHANSHAN WANG
PARTICLE PHYSICIST AND INDUSTRIAL DESIGNER, ANSTO/NANDIN HUB

PANDEMIC ROLE: Mitra, ShanShan and other STEM pros from ANSTO teamed up for NASA's Space Apps COVID-19 challenge to work out how to purify air in enclosed public spaces. Read more about their winning solution: bit.ly/ansto-covid – Louise Meers



DR SANTOSH PANJIKAR
BEAMLINE SCIENTIST

BIOLOGY TO THE RESCUE

BEAMLINE SCIENTIST DR SANTOSH PANJIKAR IS USING HIS SKILLS TO ASSIST COVID-19 RESEARCH AT THE AUSTRALIAN SYNCHROTRON

Dr Santosh Panjikar has always been interested in understanding the world around him. He studied maths and physics at college but soon realised biology was also useful. Through biology, he developed an interest in bioinformatics and started studying macromolecular crystallography – a method for working out the atomic three-dimensional structures of large biological molecules.

“I needed to use my mathematical background to understand biology,” he says. “Now here I am doing what I love and working at ANSTO’s Australian Synchrotron.”

As a beamline scientist, Santosh works with research groups to help design and conduct synchrotron experiments, providing them with necessary tools and training, and remaining on call for assistance should they need it.

Santosh’s science skills have been put to good use throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, too. In one project he worked with researchers who identified drug-like compounds

that could block a key COVID-19 protein. Known as PLpro, this protein allows the virus to hijack and then multiply within human cells, as well as disable antiviral defences.

“Researchers sent frozen crystals of COVID-19 proteins to the Synchrotron and used the instruments remotely,” he explains. “I have assisted by setting up beamlines for remote access and advising them on X-ray data collection on frozen protein crystals as well as helping with data analysis.”

His top tip for those who want to work in science or researching infectious diseases? Explore! “If you’re interested in science, try it in high school,” he says. “Take part in STEM-based extracurricular programs, such as the Australian Science Olympiads, as well as science-based competitions like Science Talent Search.”

Santosh also encourages future scientists to look for work experience opportunities at a research facility or at a school of biomedical or biological science at a university.

“This exposure will give you some insight into what scientists actually do,” he says, “and it will also allow you to find the field of science that interests you the most.” – Louise Meers

IF YOU’RE INTERESTED IN SCIENCE, EXPLORE IT IN HIGH SCHOOL”

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HINDU UNIVERSITY, INDIA

MASTER OF SCIENCE (BIOTECHNOLOGY),
DEVI AHILYA UNIVERSITY, INDIA

POSTDOCTORAL FELLOW, SENIOR TECHNICAL OFFICER
AND STAFF SCIENTIST, EMBL-HAMBURG, GERMANY

BEAMLINE SCIENTIST, ANSTO
AUSTRALIAN SYNCHROTRON

PHD (PROTEIN CRYSTALLOGRAPHY),
FRIEDRICH SCHILLER UNIVERSITY
JENA, GERMANY

ADJUNCT FACULTY,
MONASH UNIVERSITY

Closing the gap

Christian de Cos is using health science to score goals for Indigenous communities

Christian isn't your typical 20-year-old university student. A proud Arrernte man, the third-year physiotherapy student comes from a family where "impact" should be the family motto. His father is an essential worker, his mother works for Indigenous Business Australia and his grandmother is an award-winning artist of Arrernte, Chinese and Anglo-Celtic heritage. Combining his heritage with a passion for making a difference is in his DNA.

Christian wants to help educate the world using the health-related skills he's learning both at uni and from the connections he's building within Indigenous communities. "I knew I wanted to do a health degree. I got offered medicine but [rather than spending eight years at uni] decided I want to get out into the community as quickly as possible to help others," Christian says.

INSPIRED BY INJURY

Physiotherapists have been an inspiration to Christian from an early age – and he's seen first-hand (literally!) how life-changing their work can be. During football trials in year 10, he broke his wrist for the third time. "The attitude that the physio has is great. Hearing the physio say, 'Your fingers are ok; you can play PlayStation this weekend,' is huge to a young person. It lifts your mood so much and I wanted to be able to do that for others."

As part of his four-year degree, Christian has to complete five work placements in a variety of



CHRISTIAN DE COS
PHYSIOTHERAPY STUDENT

specialities. Following the footsteps of his mentor Adam Doyle, who is the first Indigenous physiotherapist to graduate from the University of Canberra, Christian's aim is to get placement in an area with a high Indigenous population.

To help build his network, Christian has joined Indigenous Allied Health – a member-based organisation that

connects students with learning opportunities to better understand the complexity of, and access to, health, education and wellbeing of First Nations people.

Christian was also lucky enough to be involved in the video production of the university's *Yarning About* project, interviewing First Nations staff and students to talk all things culture. Its aim is to help the wider university cohort have a better understanding of Indigenous ways. "Before you close the gap in remote communities, you need to close the gap in urban communities," Christian says. – Angela Crompton

HEARING THE PHYSIO SAY, 'YOUR FINGERS ARE OK. YOU CAN PLAY PLAYSTATION.' IS HUGE"



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MEMBER OF INDIGENOUS
ALLIED HEALTH AUSTRALIA

YARNING ABOUT PROJECT,
UNIVERSITY OF CANBERRA

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UNIVERSITY OF CANBERRA

NATIONAL INDIGENOUS SUMMER SCHOOL,
THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

THE ROAD TO HEALTH

Jennifer Myers dreams of becoming an occupational therapist, even if it means taking an unconventional path to get there

Jennifer first heard of STEM in year 8, but says she dismissed it as something “only for high achievers”. Thankfully, she didn’t let those early misconceptions stop her. Now she’s on a study path towards her dream job of becoming an occupational therapist (OT) – a health profession that helps people with physical or cognitive impairments to gain independence.

Jennifer undertook a school-based traineeship in Allied Health Assistance in years 11 and 12. This included one day per week working at a hospital, gaining hands-on skills in the health sectors of medical imaging, dietetics, speech pathology, occupational therapy and physiotherapy.



JENNIFER MYERS
ALLIED HEALTH ASSISTANCE GRAD

MY TRANSITION FROM SCHOOL INTO MY DREAM COURSE AT UNIVERSITY HAS BEEN AN UNCONVENTIONAL ONE

Leaving your comfort zone

Jennifer says choosing a Vocational Education and Training (VET) course has given her valuable industry experience and helped to clarify her career aspirations. In 2020 Jennifer won the School-based Trainee of the Year award and went on to become a Training Awards mentor. Jennifer says in addition to her studies, this experience has been an important part of her development.

“Going from a student working around the different departments at the hospital to an allied health assistant, advocating, judging and mentoring for the VET pathway for the Australian Training Awards has pushed me out of my comfort zone and into a new role of leadership and responsibility,” she says.

Taking the leap

After finishing school with a VET qualification already under her belt, Jennifer was accepted into her second university preference – a Bachelor of Exercise and Sport Science at the Australian Catholic University. With the first year completed, Jennifer has now transferred into a Bachelor of Occupational Therapy.

“My transition from school into my dream course at university has been an unconventional one,” Jennifer says – but she’s still found value and opportunity every step of the way.

“I’ve found this ‘bridging’ course to be incredibly valuable as an introduction to university, providing the foundational knowledge to human biology, technology and scientific research.” Stepping out of her comfort zone has spilled into her everyday life now, too: “A few weeks ago I went skydiving... and, crazily enough, I loved it!” – *Gemma Chilton*

CERT III, ALLIED HEALTH ASSISTANCE, REDCLIFFE HOSPITAL

2020 QLD SCHOOL-BASED TRAINEE OF THE YEAR

2020 AUSTRALIAN SCHOOL-BASED APPRENTICE OR TRAINEE OF THE YEAR AWARD – FINALIST

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Safeguarding the future

Do you love plants and animals? Enjoy spending time outdoors?
A conservation science pathway could be in your sights...

As the human population grows, the world is experiencing a massive loss of biodiversity. In Australia, invasive weeds, feral predators such as cats and foxes, climate change and land clearing have led to more than 1800 native plants and animals being threatened with extinction. Luckily, there are passionate people like conservation scientists who are working behind the scenes to help protect plants, animals and the environment for generations to come.

Conservation career paths are as diverse as the species and ecosystems that we share this planet with. As a conservation scientist, you could specialise in anything from endangered species ecology to marine conservation, feral animal control and land restoration.

The words 'conservation science' might make you think khaki-clad rangers in remote locations – hello, field ecologists! – but



Australia has suffered **huge declines in biodiversity**, with more than **1800 native plants and animals facing extinction!**

START YOUR CAREER HERE

SCIENCE+ CONSERVATION STUDY

Bachelor of Environmental Science,
The University of Queensland
Bachelor of Natural Environment and Wilderness,
University of Tasmania
Diploma of Conservation and Land Management,
TAFE NSW

SCIENCE+ CONSERVATION JOBS

Ecologist: \$56K–\$83K
Environmental consultant: \$51K–\$92K
Geographic information systems (GIS) Analyst:
\$53K–\$95K*

*Source: salaries according to payscale.com

there are other roles that will see you splitting your time between the desk and the field, or even a classroom! You'll need a passion for flora and fauna and an undergraduate degree in environmental science. Otherwise, you can kickstart your career with a TAFE course in conservation and land management.

Once you're ready for the workforce, search the wanted ads of local councils, state and federal governments, not-for-profits and natural resource management companies. If you want to stick with the study and expand your conservation knowledge, consider an honours year or a postgraduate degree to hone your speciality. – Amelia Caddy

**DR ANIKA
MOLESWORTH**
FARMER, SCIENTIST
AND WRITER

COUNTRY LOVE

DR ANIKA MOLESWORTH'S DEVOTION TO THE AUSSIE LAND MEANT SCIENCE WAS A NO-BRAINER WHEN IT CAME TO CAREERS

"The climate crisis is here. Farmers are being challenged today and this should concern everyone who eats food," says Anika. And that challenge set 12-year-old Anika off on her amazing career.

Before she became a scientist, farmer, agroecologist and author, she was a kid from Melbourne who didn't think too much about where the food on her plate came from.

That was until Mum and Dad bought a farm about 1000 kilometres away from Melbourne, in a different state! Suddenly there were horizons that seemed to extend forever. There were frogs in the dams and kangaroos in the paddocks. And she saw how food came, not from a supermarket, but from the farm around her.

LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT

Anika fell in love with that red land she and her family still farm. But the terrible Millennium drought of 2001–2009 had a huge impact on the land around them and on Anika herself.

She had to learn all she could. And she did. She studied, went to university, did a Bachelor of Science, then a Masters of Sustainable Agriculture. At the same time, she built

a knowledge-sharing platform, *Climate Wise Agriculture*, and was awarded 2015 Young Farmer of the Year.

For someone who is shy and prefers to be *doing* rather than *talking*, Anika decided it was time to step up and tell the stories of the environment she loved. She met with farmers, leaders and even royalty on her quest to learn more, and even went as far as Antarctica during her global travels collecting info to help educate people on building a sustainable future.

Her book, *Our Sunburnt Country*, is full of these farmers' and food producers' stories – their practical solutions to growing our food, protecting the land and building our future.

As a member of the Young Farming Champions – and founding director of Farmers for Climate Action – she goes to schools, attends industry events and presents at conferences to promote food and fibre production, and agriculture's diverse career pathways, because Anika is determined that we can design a world where everyone is food secure.

– Louise Denver

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FARMERS FOR CLIMATE ACTION

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY
(AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE). DEAKIN UNIVERSITY

AUTHOR.
OUR SUNBURNT COUNTRY

Green engineering

Dan Lim uses his science background to reduce the environmental impact of big infrastructure projects

Big companies have big environmental responsibilities, so they employ environmental scientists to ensure their eco-credentials are maintained – scientists like Dan, a senior environmental scientist at multinational engineering and infrastructure firm AECOM.

Growing up, Dan says he always wanted to be a scientist – biology and geography were his favourite subjects at school – and he went on to study a Bachelor of Applied Science (Honours) followed by a Master of Science at the University of Otago in New Zealand.

Wind farms and flower hunting

As an environmental scientist, Dan's job is to help reduce the ecological impact of projects AECOM is involved with. Like RN he's working on a proposal for Australia's first offshore wind farm, which will be built off the coast of Gippsland. Dan's team is providing ecological advice during the planning and development phase of the mega renewable energy project, 'Star of the South'.

"A typical day could include fieldwork – sometimes interstate or internationally – report writing, problem-solving and using computer programs like ArcGIS for mapping and spatial analysis," Dan explains.

Still a nature lover, one of Dan's favourite ways to spend a day in the "office" is looking

at flowers on bushwalks! Yep. Correct. Dan occasionally has to undertake targeted surveys of native orchids on potential development sites – in other words, searching through the bush for specific threatened orchids.

One of the biggest career hurdles Dan says he faced was breaking into a very competitive industry. His advice is to get involved in industry events and find career mentors while you're still at uni. "It's never too early to get involved," he says. – Gemma Chilton

DAN LIM
SENIOR ENVIRONMENTAL
SCIENTIST

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FUN FACT

Dan was once a child actor and has lived in five different countries – New Zealand, Australia, Sweden, Japan and Singapore!

5 MINUTES WITH A MARINE SCIENTIST

WE CHAT TO **DR KATHRYN MCMAHON** ABOUT HER STUDY AND CAREER PATH. PLUS HER TIPS FOR THE SCIENTISTS OF THE FUTURE

DR KATHRYN MCMAHON
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR

Kathryn McMahon is Associate Dean of Research at the School of Science at Edith Cowan University (ECU) and an Associate Professor of the Centre for Marine Ecosystems Research. This means she is heavily involved in all research at ECU's School of Science – from computer and security science, to chemistry and natural sciences. Kathryn also teaches environmental, coastal and marine courses at ECU. Here's what she has to say about conservation careers in the science world...

Did you always love science?

I loved science as a child. As a four-year-old I spent a year travelling around Australia in a van with my family, so the national parks and campgrounds were my backyard. It

drawn back to research and applied for a PhD scholarship at the University of Queensland, seven years after completing my undergrad degree. From then, I've worked as a postdoctoral fellow, then senior research fellow at ECU and, after 11 years, I transitioned to an ongoing position as a teaching research scholar here at ECU.

Any cool projects you're working on right now?

One of my current research areas is to investigate the resilience of coastal ecosystems to human impacts, including climate change.

What makes science + conservation an exciting career path for a young person to consider right now?

There is so much to do to improve conservation outcomes for Australia. So if you like to work in teams, spend time in the environment and can think creatively, it's an excellent time to consider this career path.

What's your advice for students?

Pursue your passion, start building your network and keep learning – new ideas and solutions are needed to improve conservation outcomes. – Gemma Chilton

THERE IS SO MUCH TO DO TO IMPROVE CONSERVATION OUTCOMES FOR AUSTRALIA. IT'S AN EXCELLENT TIME TO CONSIDER THIS CAREER PATH"

instilled a curiosity in me for the environment and influenced me to choose biology in high school, and then botany and zoology for my undergrad majors.

Can you talk us through your study and career path?

During my degree, I studied the health of seagrasses in Geopraphe Bay [Western Australia]. It was a great way to be exposed to research and I was hooked. After graduating, I had the travel bug, and I spent most of my 20s on adventures, sailing along the west and northern coast of Australia, from Madagascar to Africa, and then exploring southern and eastern Africa in a Kombi van. But I was

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In the field

Deakin University graduate **James Hattam** started his career as an ecologist, but later found his calling connecting people with conservation as CEO of the Tasmanian Land Conservancy

JAMES HATTAM
ECOLOGIST
AND CEO

As a student, James wasn't really 'the academic type'... until he started studying biology and outdoor education. Those interests led him to enrol in a Bachelor of Environmental Science at Deakin University, specialising in conservation ecology and plant biology.

During his early career, James tried everything from being a ranger to helping farmers control weeds and realised that conservation is just as much about engaging with people as it is about the environment.

"Ecology is the interaction of living things and my view is that humans are a part of that," he explains. "I might know all there is to know about a threatened plant or animal, but if I can't use that knowledge to inspire somebody to help protect it, then it's just interesting information."

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TRACK RANGER,
PARKS VICTORIA

ECOLOGIST, TASMANIAN
LAND CONSERVANCY

CEO, TASMANIAN
LAND CONSERVANCY

James found the perfect opportunity to put this philosophy into practice at a not-for-profit organisation called the Tasmanian Land Conservancy, which buys and manages ecologically important landscapes. Having first joined the organisation as an ecologist, he was quickly promoted to head of the organisation's fundraising and engagement team. Then, a few years later, he became CEO.

While he's not a practising scientist anymore, James still uses his scientific training every day to communicate what he's doing and how he's doing it.

Recently, he and his team at the Tasmanian Land Conservancy raised over \$2 million to buy a property on Tasmania's east coast that's home to 40 rare and threatened species. The campaign was such a hit, they're now looking to extend the area of land protected. "In a world where there's so much destruction and loss, it is a privilege to be doing something so powerfully positive." – Amelia Caddy

CONSERVATION STARTER

A degree in conservation is the perfect way to kickstart a planet-saving career

A career in conservation can look like whatever you want it to! You could work as a park ranger, doing fieldwork in the wilderness, helping companies become more sustainable, or in cities, building environmentally friendly urban spaces.

Meet two women who translated their love of the environment into different degrees at Macquarie University in Sydney and took different conservation career paths.

THERE WERE SO MANY COURSES AVAILABLE!"

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MASTER OF CONSERVATION BIOLOGY, MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY

RANGER, NPWS

The ranger

**ELISE MCCARTHY
RANGER, NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE SERVICE**

As a ranger with the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS), Elise's to-do list includes patrols, managing bush regeneration contracts, working with volunteers, undertaking hazard reduction burns, maintaining infrastructure and liaising with the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council on the care of cultural sites. However, it isn't all fresh air and bush walks – there's a fair bit of admin and office work to tackle each week, too. "I love the diversity of it!" When it came to picking a study path, Elise faced an overwhelming amount of choice. "There were so many courses available," she says.

A friend encouraged her to enrol in a Bachelor of Biodiversity and Conservation at Macquarie University, which proved a perfect fit. "I actually made a lot of great like-minded friends," she says.

The arts/science grad

**ANIKA FECHNER
ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST**

Science has always been Anika's thing, but the Macquarie University grad has always been frustrated with the stereotyped way it's portrayed as lab-based and academic.

"It's always been a goal to make science fun, relatable and accessible, and inspire people to better understand global environmental issues and sustainability initiatives!"

Anika did a Bachelor of Environment/Bachelor of Arts at Macquarie, peppered with public relations and social media units. This was all part of her master plan – to learn the skills to communicate environmental science. These days she applies these skills in her first paid grad gig at SAGE Environmental Services. She spends her 9-5 assisting an Environmental Protection Agency auditor with contaminated land projects, ensuring businesses comply with environmental laws.

"I would like to combine my love for environmental science with my passion for empowering women and First Nations knowledge – the sky is the limit!"

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GRADUATE ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST, SAGE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Mining for the future

Oz has huge underground reserves of important minerals for green tech, so if you've got a passion for science *and* care about Mother Earth, there could be a career in it for you!

Australia is rich in sun, sea and good vibes – that's why it's one of the best countries in the world to live. Below the surface though, it's also rich in the minerals that green technologies need to function and fight climate change. Want to engineer an electric car? You'll need lithium. Australia produces 56% of the world's supply. Want to build a wind turbine? You'll need rare earths. Australia digs up 17,000 tonnes per year. So with the hidden potential of Australia's buried treasures, it's no surprise that the industry has added another 40,000 jobs in the past five years.

Geoscientists have always been in demand at mining companies, where they find minerals and figure out the best ways to dig them up. Matthew Teh works at Geoscience Australia – the federal geological survey – as the executive officer for the organisation's chief scientist. "Geoscience Australia's Graduate Program is an excellent opportunity for young people looking to embark on a career in critical minerals geoscience," he says.

Hydrologists are also mixing science with critical minerals. Their job? To maintain water quality across a mine site. Metallurgists design

processes to separate valuable metals and reduce minerals to metals and alloys, and environmental scientists minimise the effects of mining on the environment.

Cutting-edge tech is creating new roles in the critical minerals industry too, like virtual reality (VR) content developers, who build virtual mine sites for employee training. New employees at New Hope Group's Bengalla site spend hours in immersive simulators before driving 500-tonne dump trucks for real.

Artificial intelligence (AI) more your thing? Robotics, computer science and Big Data all have a *big* role in making mineral exploration and extraction safer. There's a lot to get excited about in the mineral world! – Ben Skuse

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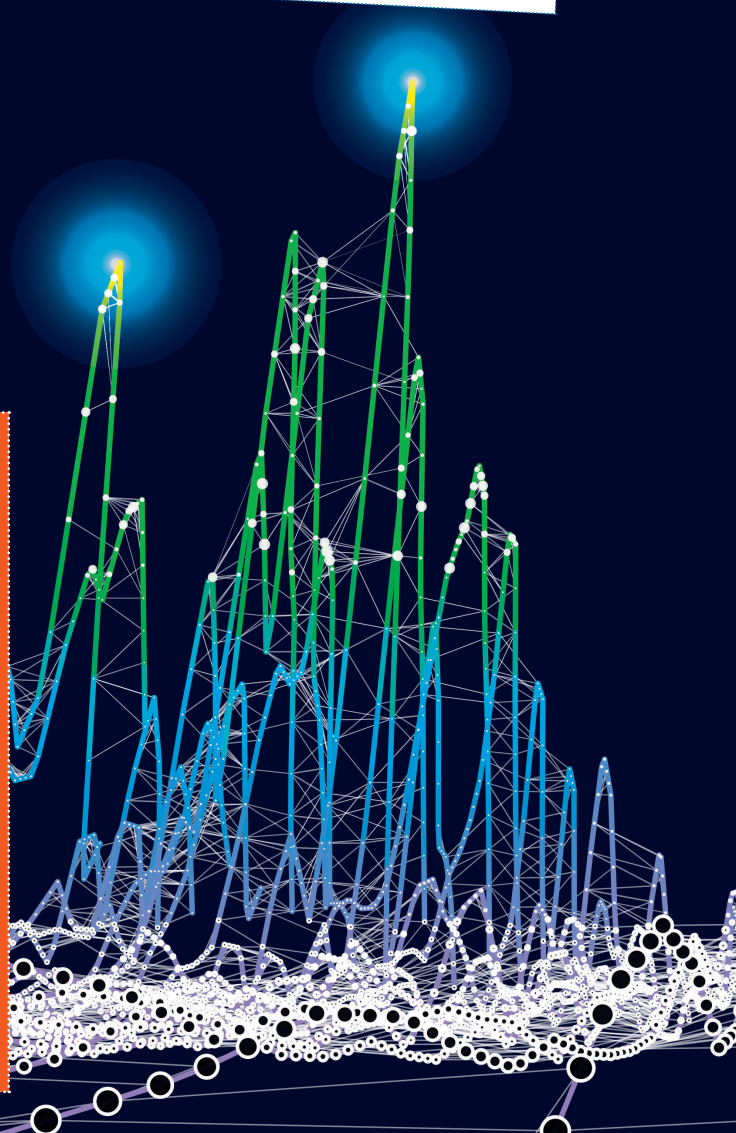
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Australia produces 56% of the world's supply of lithium! That's a lot of electric cars!

ROCK STAR

LOUISE SCHONEVELD SHOTS ROCKS WITH LASERS TO FIND NEW RESERVES OF CRITICAL MINERALS. YES, YOU READ THAT RIGHT!



RESEARCH SCIENTIST, CSIRO
POSTDOCTORAL FELLOW, CSIRO
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INTERN, INSTITUTE FOR THE STUDY OF EARTH'S INTERIOR, OKAYAMA UNIVERSITY
BACHELOR OF GEOLOGY (HONOURS), JAMES COOK UNIVERSITY



LOUISE SCHONEVELD RESEARCH SCIENTIST

An inspiring Earth science teacher at high school sparked a lifelong passion for geology in Louise. A desire to understand our Earth propelled her through a geology degree and geochemistry PhD. It took her on internships to a copper exploration site in Queensland and a lab in Japan

where she grew tiny rocks. And it continues to drive her now, as a research scientist at Australia's national science agency, CSIRO, in Perth. "I had always hoped that I could work for CSIRO eventually," Louise beams.

Louise shoots rocks with lasers using a piece of equipment called a laser ablation inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometer: "We make little particles and then we can count the elements in each of the minerals in the rocks." Traces of particular elements hint at whether the rocks come from near mineral deposits. Like nickel. It's an important mineral used in solar cells, wind turbines, electric vehicles and energy storage. And rocks can show us where to find it.

Most of Louise's time is spent in the lab analysing rock samples, but she does get to go out in the field from time to time. "Recently, we flew out to Kalgoorlie and took our four-wheel drive to one of the mine sites," she says. "We collected some samples for the mine geologists, brought them back and now my task is to analyse the samples in the lab."

Her advice to anyone interested in a career combining science and critical minerals? "Follow what you're interested in and reach out to people with those careers," Louise says. "See if you can visit some sites or do work experience." — Ben Skuse

START YOUR CAREER HERE

SCIENCE+CRITICAL MINERALS STUDY

- Bachelor of Science (Honours) (Earth Science), The University of Queensland
- Bachelor of Earth Sciences, The University of Western Australia
- Bachelor of Science (Mineral Geoscience), The University of Adelaide
- Bachelor of Science (Honours) (Hydrology), Flinders University

SCIENCE+CRITICAL MINERALS JOBS

- Geoscientist: \$90K–\$156K
- Environmental scientist: \$54K–\$88K
- Mine geologist: \$89K–\$124K
- Metallurgist: \$59K–\$136K*

*Source: salaries according to payscale.com

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@L_Schoneveld

Full STEAM ahead

Forget what your high school timetable says!
When it comes to career goals, art and science rarely clash

Think you can only be either STEM-minded or creative?
Nope! No more...

Gone are the days when art and science were treated as total opposites. As employers rate transdisciplinary thinkers fluent in both, universities are all over it, too! According to the University of Sydney, science grads who are in tune with their creative side have been shown to better develop unique research methods, test hypotheses, interpret data and engage in debate. Which is reflected in next-gen course offerings, too – double degrees that offer a taste of everything and STEM courses that encourage students to choose out-of-the-box electives.

SKILL LIFE

So what kinds of jobs would flat-out require both creativity and scientific skills as prerequisites? All of them! Making scientific breakthroughs requires serious creativity – so biologists, chemists, astrophysicists, STEM educators, science illustrators, geologists and communicators just to start.

Goodbye, “art” or “science” kid, and bring on a world where we can celebrate being awesome at both!

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START YOUR CAREER HERE

SCIENCE+CREATIVITY STUDY

Bachelor of Science/Arts, University of NSW

Bachelor of Liberal Arts and Science,
The University of Sydney

Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science,
The University of Newcastle

SCIENCE+CREATIVITY JOBS

Illustrator (scientific): \$40K–\$142K

Art therapist: \$60K–\$139K

Neuroscientist: \$60K–\$147K*

*Source: salaries according to payscale.com

MARIANA OKSDATH MANSILLA
SCIENTIFIC DESIGNER
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DRAWN TO SCIENCE

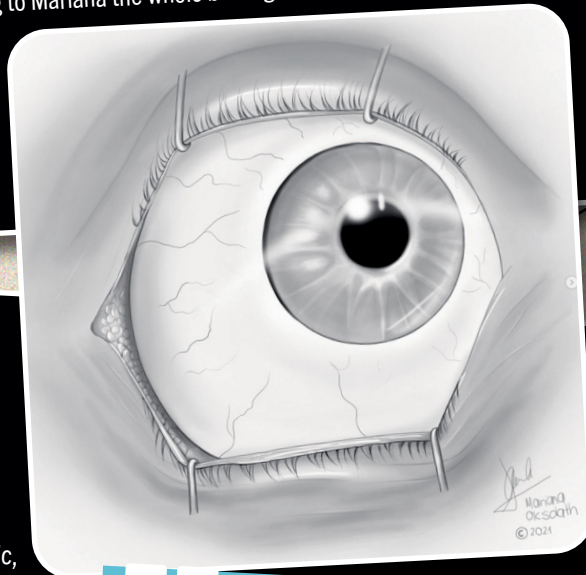
MARIANA OKSDATH MANSILLA IS EQUAL PARTS CREATIVE AND SCIENTIFIC, COMBINING BOTH HER STRENGTHS TO CREATE A ONE-OF-A-KIND JOB

Mariana has always loved to draw. Growing up with artists as parents, sketching came naturally to the Argentinian-born creative, who was always encouraged through extracurricular classes and projects. But her other passion – which she speaks just as fondly of – came a little more out of left field: “At school I became seriously fascinated with science and the human body!”

Assuming – like most people do – that she had to choose between her love of art and science, Mariana (then based in South America) enrolled in a chemistry degree which led to a PhD in neuroscience at the National University of Córdoba, Argentina.

A move to Australia later, Mariana suddenly found herself with a cutting-edge research associate gig at the Centre for Cancer Biology – a world-class institute backed by the University of South Australia and SA Pathology – where she was championing a novel technique to grow human mini-brains.

And nope, according to Mariana the whole brain-growing bit wasn’t even the coolest part. “It was actually doing the scientific illustrations!” she says.



Creativity calling

Awesome neuroscience gig aside, Mariana’s creativity was calling. And, like any academic, she did what came naturally – enrol in another degree. “In 2020 I started a Master in Digital Art online, which was life-changing!” she says. “I learnt all about art, illustrations and the digital software that can help your imagination come to life.”

Now, as a qualified scientist and illustrator, Mariana has combined her credentials to forge a career in both! Working for herself, she creates the sketches that sit in some of the country’s top scientific journals and medical manuals. “It’s my job to transform complex science into accurate and appealing images,” she says. Recently she prepped a glaucoma surgical manual for eye surgery, designing 12 medical illustrations explaining the complex steps involved.

Colourful career

With the ultimate goal of creating her own Adelaide-based science communication agency, Mariana’s now on the hunt for an awesome team that shares her passion for art and science.

And her advice for grads who feel torn between their creativity and STEM? “Know both disciplines! You have to find your way to learn science and art around your possibilities. It’s fascinating to be a part of an emerging area!” – Cassie Steel

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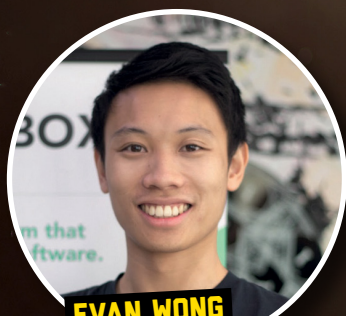
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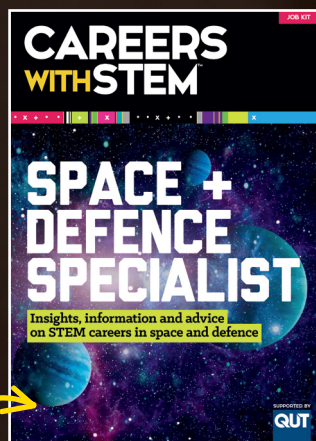


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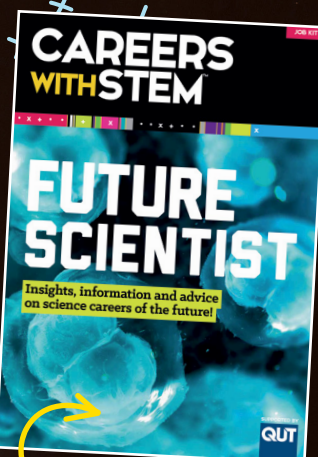
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