**Video transcript: Medicinal Chemistry Elisse Browne**

My name’s Elisse and I’m studying a PhD in Medicinal Chemistry.

I chose to do a PhD in Medicinal Chemistry because I love the idea of drug discovery and drug design for treatment for diseases.

I’m passionate about what I study because if we find a drug that will cure a disease it will be worthwhile.

In five years I’d like to be on the clinical trials side of drug discovery, so to watch it go from the lab into the clinic and watch it on human patients.

My course at La Trobe has immensely helped me with this. All of the academics have helped me and guided me along the way, to get where I want to be.

Being at La Trobe is more like a community experience rather than a university, and all of the academics and lecturers are very supportive and they help you immensely.

My industry cadetship was between my Honours year and my PhD, where I worked at Advanced Molecular Technologies, working in drug synthesis and drug design. During the cadetship helped me get more experience to go into my PhD to become a better chemist.

My PhD supervisor has been immensely supportive. She actually sent me to a conference in Brussels, in Belgium, where I attended a medicinal chemistry conference, where I met a lot of other chemists from across the world.

For future students studying at La Trobe I would highly recommend it because all the academic and lecturers are highly supportive and it’s just a great environment to be in.