



Space Junk: Salvaging Satellites

Elise Blanchfield is a Space Scientist at RMIT University in Melbourne. Since 2018, UniBank has provided a Women in Physics Prize in partnership with RMIT University to encourage and support women in traditionally male-dominated STEM areas of study. As a recent award recipient, Elise Blanchfield, is finalising her PhD at RMIT. *"I already love studying physics and now getting an award for it has motivated me to continue aiming for my best,"* she said. Elise is excited about her future in Australian STEM. *"The award is a huge motivator. Seeing that my hard work and interest in physics was not only noticed, but worth an award, reinforced my enthusiasm."*



Date: May 6th 2026

Suitability: Years 5-6 high ability students

Delivery mode: Video Conference

Available times:

- 10 am – 12 pm
- 1 pm – 3 pm

Note: Two identical sessions run across one day, please book one.

Morning program details:

10.00 – 10.45 am: *Space Junk: A waste threat.* Presentation by Elise Blanchfield with Q & A session

10.45 – 11.00 am: Break time

11.00 – 12.00 pm: *Salvaging Satellite:* an interactive hands-on session

Afternoon program details:

1.00 – 1.45 pm: *Space Junk: A waste threat.* Presentation by Elise Blanchfield with Q & A session

1.45 – 2.00pm: Breaktime

2.00 – 3.00 pm: *Salvaging Satellites:* interactive hands-on session

Materials: A STEM-in-a-box kit of materials will be sent free of charge and a student handout will be sent prior to the event.