

I Want to Be a Scientist



My name is Ryan Watts, and I'm a neuroscientist.

From an interview by Linda Jane Davies

What kind of scientist are you?

I'm a neuroscientist. I study how the brain works. I study a disease called Alzheimer's disease. It causes older people to lose their memory. I do experiments to find out what causes this disease and how to fix it.

Why did you become a neuroscientist?

I love solving puzzles. Science is like a giant puzzle with many pieces. Scientists do experiments to try to find where each piece fits in the puzzle. This makes our knowledge more complete. Scientific discoveries help many people's lives.

How did you become a neuroscientist?

I went to college for many years to get a degree called a PhD. Earning this degree took lots of training, experiments, and problem solving. I studied math, biology, physics, and chemistry.



Because I loved to solve problems and do experiments, school was fun for me. I also studied how the brain grows, how it works, and even how it dies. One day I hope what I've learned will help make people's lives healthier and happier.

How does your job help you serve others?

People all over the world suffer from diseases. I want to help them get better. I am grateful that Heavenly Father has blessed me with knowledge to help his sons and daughters live happy, healthy lives here on earth. ♦

