

Scientist of the Month

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Rosalind Franklin

1920 - 1958

Rosalind Franklin was a British scientist. She studied chemistry at Newnham College, Cambridge.

Her work was very important in discovering the structure of DNA. She used a scientific method to take pictures of DNA, which showed that DNA has a structure called a double helix, which looks like a ladder twisted into a spiral.

Rosalind's work helped other scientists understand the structure of DNA and to find out how genetic information is passed from parents to their children. Her work laid the foundation for the discoveries made by two scientists named James Watson and Francis Cook, who were awarded a Nobel Prize for their DNA discoveries. Although Rosalind's name was not mentioned at the time, now her contribution to the discovery of the structure of DNA is well known, and some science buildings have been named after her.



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