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## Work experience

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### New Scientist NL

September 2017 — March 2017

Science Journalist traineeship

- Finding relevant scientific news stories that are in line with the New Scientist formula
- Writing articles for the website, the magazine or other related sources.
- Organising New Scientist events such as the Gala van de Wetenschap and reader events

### iBestuur

October 2017 — present

Blogger

- Writing monthly blogs for iBestuur on Artificial Intelligence, government, and other relevant concepts.

### De Focus

September 2017 — present

Editor

- Editing bachelor and master thesis into scientific news articles

### Heineken

August 2015 — March 2017

Heineken Experience Employee

- One of the many tour guides within the Heineken Experience, making sure everyone has the same awesome experience
- Explaining the beer brewing process to the customers, drafting beer, presenting, hospitality

### YoungCapital

January 2015 — July 2015

HR Executive Startersbeurs

- Corporate recruitment of international candidates for the international department of YoungCapital.
- HR contact point for the international interns of the company
- Analyzing performance of interns through call statistics and interviews
- Researching HR related problems in the company
- Translation of corporate hand guides and training's from Dutch to English

### AMC Hospital

August 2014 — November 2014

Student Researcher

- Assisting PhD-Student Renee Scheepers in her Patient Perception Program (PPP) research project.
- Practicing methodological research methods in the field through a Work & Organization Psychological framework
- Using clinical interview methods to obtain scientific data from the patients

### 3voor12NoordHolland

Oktober 2013 — February 2015

## Editor

- Creation of my own electronic music rubric : 3mix12! where I searched for underground musical talent and interviewed them.
- Ensured the growth of the platform
- Wrote reports on electronic music festivals
- Learnt basic journalistic principles and got experienced with media editing program Magnoli

## Stock refiller

June 2009 — July 2015

DEEN Supermarkets

- Restocking the store - handling the cash register when necessary.
- Managing younger employee's

## Education

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### Research Master Cognitive Science

September 2015 — July 2018

VU University Amsterdam

2 year research master Cognitive Science, a specialization from the Artificial Intelligence track at the VU William James Graduate School.

### Psychology

September 2011 — July 2014

VU University Amsterdam

- Third year minor course : Clinical Psychology. Bachelor Thesis : Self-harm, Suicide Idealization and Suicide Attempts Within Adolescents With Or Without Treatment Between 12 and 21 years old - Graded with an 8.0 Mean grades throughout 3 years : 7.3

### VWO Nature and Health profile

September 2006 — August 2011

Oscar Romero Highschool

- Nature and Health profile (Chemistry, Biology, Mathematics) with Physics and ICT as extra courses

## Extracurricular experience

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Chairman of the board at De Focus (September 2016 - September 2017)

- Board chairman at De Focus ([www.de-focus.nl](http://www.de-focus.nl)), an innovative Dutch online science journalism platform aimed at empowering students their skills in knowledge valorisation

Student member Study Program Committee of the Faculty of Psychology, VU

- Member of the Study Program Committee in my bachelor year, meeting once a month with staff and professors, giving advice to the board and management of the university on the improvement of the curriculum and other issues regarding the faculty of Psychology
- Meetings with staff and professors of the University in order to optimize the curriculum
- Research within the student population in order to increase knowledge about student characteristics

## Projects

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### GRIT Project 2016

Multidisciplinary student program designed to stimulate creativity, entrepreneurship and collaboration. Together with 5 other students from different studies and universities, we worked together for 48 hours and designed a concept for the new ACE incubator for the Amsterdam Centre for Entrepreneurship at Amsterdam Science Park.

### **De Onderzoekers**

Worked together with students and professors from the VU and societal research institute Tertium to create a television program pilot which can be found online. Practiced research, interview and presentation skills.

### **The Product is You**

Together with students and the communication department of the VU and Bas Heijne, we organised an event at the VU that made the attendees more aware of the role digital technology has in their lives.

## Essays

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- Winner best essay at the symposium : Uit de kramp van het eigen gelijk, 25 november 2016 hosted by the VU.  
Titled : Democracy = Polarisation.

## Skills

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- Vast experience in interviewing
- Experience in writing short copy and longer feature articles (New Scientist, Het Parool, iBestuur, personal blog)
- Experience with various CMS systems (Content Station, InCopy, Magnolia)
- Experience in organising events
- Experience in presenting and debating
- Experience in video-editing for social media
- Proficiency with SPSS, Word, Excel
- Basic Python knowledge
- Basic Computational modelling skills

Drivers license B1

Languages:

- Raised bilingual Dutch/English
- Basic Spanish proficiency