

# CV

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## Dieudonné van de Willige

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I combine my scientific background with a track record in communication.



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## Experience

**2022 – current:**

**Science Communication Advisor, Maastricht University  
(Faculty of Science and Engineering)**

I'm tasked with setting up science communication for the whole faculty. This includes setting up infrastructure and policy, as well as hands-on work.

**2020 – current:**

**Board member, SciCom NL ([www.scicom.nl](http://www.scicom.nl))**

SciCom NL is one of the main Dutch associations for science communication. I serve on the board as a general secretary.

**2018 – 2022:**

**Communications Advisor/Editor, Maastricht University  
(Department of Data Science and Knowledge Engineering)**

Broad communications support – including internal and external communication – with a focus on research communication.

**2013 – 2018:**

**PhD student, Utrecht University**

I completed my PhD research in molecular neurobiology under supervision of Prof. Dr. Anna Akhmanova and Prof. Dr. Casper Hoogenraad. During this time, I experimented with various forms of science communication as well.

**2012 – 2016:**

**Columnist, De Telegraaf**

During my master's studies and PhD research, I wrote weekly columns for the regional supplement of De Telegraaf (print run approx. 25,000 copies). 89% of readers enjoyed reading my columns according to a poll among 1,000 subscribers.

**2012:**

**Columnist, DUB**

I won the first column writing competition of DUB, Utrecht University's independent news outlet. My prize included one year of being featured as their dedicated 'campus columnist'.

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## Diplomas and certificates

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| <b>2013 – 2018:</b> | <b>PhD in Molecular Neurobiology, Utrecht University</b><br><br>PhD thesis: 'Anatomy of the axon: dissecting the role of microtubule plus-end tracking proteins in axons of hippocampal neurons'.<br><br>Publications cited >250 times as of 2022.                    |
| <b>2011 – 2013:</b> | <b>Master of Science (MSc) in Molecular &amp; Cellular Life Sciences, Utrecht University</b><br><br>Including a minor track in Science Communication and Education and an extracurricular honours track. Graduated cum laude with a GPA of 4.0/average grade of 8.68. |
| <b>2008 – 2011:</b> | <b>Bachelor of Science (BSc) in Chemistry, Utrecht University</b><br><br>Including an extracurricular honours track. Graduated cum laude with a GPA of 4.0/average grade of 8.29.   |
| <b>2006:</b>        | <b>Cambridge Certificate in Advanced English (CAE)</b><br><br>Grade A. Written and spoken English at CEFR level C1.   |
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## Competences

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| <b>Main skills:</b> | Understanding and opening up complex science, working in scientific environments, writing and editing (native in Dutch and near-native in English).  |
| <b>Tools:</b>       | For graphics and print: Adobe CS (Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign). For web: Drupal, Wordpress (Elementor, Wordpress editor). For video: Adobe Premiere Pro (editing) and OBS Studio (streaming). |
| <b>Personal:</b>    | Sharp-minded, self-starter, engaged, analytical and creative.  |