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LANGUAGES

Spanish (native) · **English** (native) · **French** (native) · **Mandarin Chinese** (HSK 5 / C1 level)

EDUCATION

Eindhoven University of Technology (TU/e), Eindhoven — Sep 2023 to present
BSc Industrial Engineering; coursework in Operations Management, Accounting, Quality and Reliability, Advanced Mathematics

- Teaching Assistant for Challenge Based Learning (2025): coached student engineering teams through their design projects.

United World College Red Cross Nordic, Flekke, Norway — 2021 to 2023
International Baccalaureate Diploma

- Awarded a full scholarship through UWC's competitive national selection to live and study with students from around the world.

Lycée Français Jean Monnet, Brussels — 2018 to 2021
French curriculum with English bilingual section (IGCSE)

皇冠中学 Huángguān Secondary School, Weihai, China — until 2021
Six trimesters (one per year) at a public school, fully immersed in Chinese language and academic life

EXPERIENCE

OWOW Venture Studio, Eindhoven — Sep 2026 to present
Venture Builder (full time), one of a four-person team in the newly launched venture arm of a 45-person product studio

- Part of the core team behind the studio's **€2.65M fund**, backed by eight family offices and angel investors to build three new B2B startups a year in manufacturing and OEM.
- Take new ventures from idea to market with industry insiders and OWOW's 500+ industrial clients: founder research, customer validation and go to market; support portfolio companies such as Synthgen.

DT China, Shanghai, China — Jul to Aug 2026
Intern, freight forwarding and logistics

- Rotated across sea freight, air freight and sales, working entirely in Mandarin with a fully Chinese team and clients.

DormSpot (dormspot.nl), Netherlands — Apr 2026 to Oct 2026
Founder

- Built and ran a housing platform that monitors all major Dutch rental platforms and alerts users within seconds.
- Grew to **800 users** and **€4,000 in revenue**, helping students across the Netherlands find housing.
- Launched a paid viewing service in which verified students attend apartment viewings for remote renters.

KickOff Eindhoven and KickOff Ventures, TU/e — Sep 2024 to present
Advisory Board Chair (2026 to present); Chair (2025 to 2026); Board Member (2024 to 2025)

- Revived Brainport's first student entrepreneurship club into one of the most active on campus; raised **€20,000**.
- Founded Eindhoven Business Talks, modelled on Stanford's "View From The Top": 10 events and 2,500+ attendees, with founders and CEOs of Picnic, Axelera AI, Swapfiets, Felyx and Smart Photonics.
- Co-founded KickOff Ventures, TU/e's first student-run pre-accelerator, with partners EWOR, OWOW, Round One Ventures and Lovable and support from the TU/e Rector Magnificus: selected 10 startups from 40 applicants and awarded €5,000 in grants at Demo Day.

Y Combinator Startup School, Paris *Selected participant* — 2026

- Selected to attend YC's founder program, with talks from the founders of Datadog, Supabase and PostHog.

Independent projects *Product builder* — 2023 to present

- Built and shipped 20+ apps and websites with AI-assisted development, including dormspot.nl, owow.ventures, kickoffehv.nl and a flight deal finder (flysomewhere.app).

Plutus Maximus (B&R Beurs investment society), TU/e — Nov 2023 to Sep 2025
Treasurer (2024 to 2025); Member (2023 to 2024)

- Managed the group's treasury and competed in national and university investment competitions.

Tic Tac Lab, Brussels — Sep 2023 to Nov 2025
Programming Instructor (part time)

- Taught Python, JavaScript, HTML/CSS, Arduino, Scratch, 3D printing and laser cutting to students aged 4 to 16+.

Global Sports Innovation Center powered by Microsoft, Madrid — Jul 2022
Intern

- Managed the partner database (Nike, Real Madrid) and demonstrated sports tech products to partners.