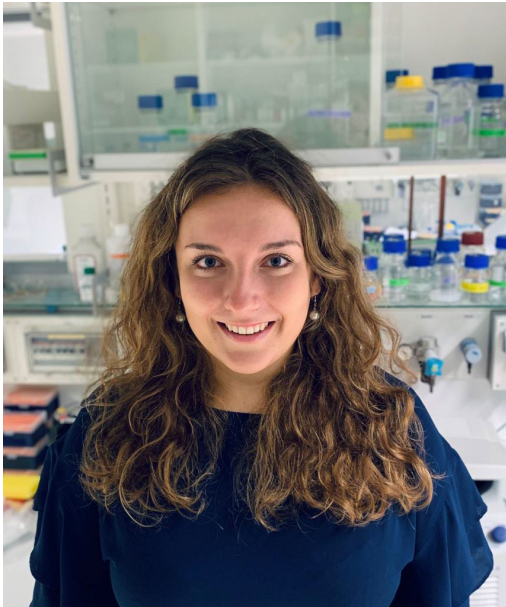


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Graduate Program: Ph.D. Medical Life Sciences and Technology

Group: AG Neurproteomics/ DZNE / TUM

My PhD thesis focusses on the molecular and mechanistic characterization of a new Alzheimer's risk gene.

Professional background: B.Sc. in Neuroscience at the University of Cologne, M.Sc. in Molecular Biosciences majoring in Neuroscience at the University of Heidelberg

I am running for PhD Executive Committee and MGC managing board

Motivation: I would love to represent our PhD program since I have already been in touch with some of the first-year students helping them to figure out the course program and its challenges. This as well as my own experience starting in the program October 2021 really opened my eyes for current pitfalls of the program and where things could be improved. For example my major aim would be to implement a Tutor program where senior PhD candidates can volunteer to take a junior student under their wing, guiding them and sharing their experience with the different courses, the paperwork and the guidelines. Additionally, I was also the representative of my Master's program meaning I am already used to committee meetings and how to communicate and implement your wishes.

In my free time I like to go running, paint pottery, meet up with friends for fancy cooking parties and I am volunteering as the coordinator of the German as well as the International brain bee, a competition for high school students to spark their interest in neuroscience.