Annabelle Wurmser

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Education

University of Cambridge, (1+3) PhD in Stem Cell Biology and Medicine

2020-Present

Wellcome Trust Scholarship, 1st year Prize for Best Project

École Normale Supérieure Ulm, MSc in Fundamental Biology & Bioinformatics

2017-2020

International Selection Scholarship, Cum Laude, progress rate 1.33

University College Maastricht, BSc in Life Sciences, Pre-med, Cum Laude, top 3%

2014-2017

Conducted extra-curricular research in 3rd year (only student) in cancerology and cardiology labs (20h/week).

Consulting & Leadership Projects

Student Consultant for Carebotics, Accelerate Program, Judge Business School

2025

- Reviewed 200+ pages of regulatory guidelines for UK and US markets; prepared recommendations to engineering team to advance prototyping to compliance stage.
- Quantified economic impact for stakeholders, projecting cost savings in the hundreds of millions.
- Co-drafted investor deck and contributed to pitches at JBS and Cambridge Wide Open Week, engaging 10+ professionals and potential investors.

Student Consultant for Sigartan, Cambridge Consulting Network

2022-2023

- Conducted literature review across 50+ publications; identified 10 candidate molecules for clinical re-purposing.
- Analysed market trends and proposed market strategies, projecting 20% increase in market penetration.

Student Consultant for Loci, EnterpriseTECH, Judge Business School

2021-2022

- Assessed commercial viability of Al-driven 3D video reconstruction by analysing competitor landscape.
- Co-developed and pitched mock investor deck to an audience of 50+ students and business professionals.

Legal Guardian and Carer for a family member

2021-2025

Managed legal, financial, and healthcare decisions; achieved 110% budget turnaround; set-up treatment plan.

Research Experience

PhD Candidate, Cambridge Stem Cell Institute

2021-Present

- Devised and secured over £200k funds for original multi-disciplinary research project in biophysics.
- Acquired and computationally analysed multiomic datasets; improved super-resolution imaging by 15%.
- Trained 4 junior researchers who all integrated PhD programs in top universities.
- Co-authored 3+ manuscripts; presented at top UK institutions and international conferences.

Student Researcher, Maastricht, Paris, Cambridge

2016-2021

 Secured over €70k personal funds; worked in 9 labs across disciplines; contributed to 4 scientific publications; gained expertise in experimental and bioinformatic tools.

Extra-Curriculars

Vice Commodore Training, CU Yacht Club

2025-Present

Coordinated RYA practical and theory training for 100+ members.

STEM Outreach & Mentoring

2018-2022

2018-2020

Led initiatives promoting scientific literacy and STEM career development for over 100 students.
Treasurer, ENS Yacht Club

Secured and managed €10k budget; coordinated over 10 sailing trips.

Chair, Think Tank "Price of Medicine"

2016

• Coordinated 6+ multi-stakeholder interviews and produced policy recommendations on global drug pricing. **Sports**: Running, cycling, climbing, sailing.

Languages

English (fluent), French (native), Dutch (native), Spanish (B2), German (B1)

Publications

- Wurmser et al., Chromatin mobility changes precede transcription activation during progenitor fate specification (manuscript in preparation).
- Agsu et al., Protein-protein interactions drive differences in the spatiotemporal dynamics of transcription factors NANOG and SOX2 in naïve pluripotent cells (manuscript in preparation).
- Steindel et al., A non-catalytic role for MLL2 in controlling chromatin organisation and mobility during the priming of pluripotent cells for differentiation. BioRxiv, 2025
- Wurmser, Basu, Enhancer-Promoter Communication: It's Not Just About Contact. Front. Mol. Bio., 2022
- Tomaz et al., Generation of functional hepatocytes by forward programming with nuclear receptors. Elife, 2022
- Jacquemin, Wurmser et al., Paracrine signalling between intestinal epithelial and tumour cells induces a regenerative programme. Elife, 2022
- Siudeja et al., Unraveling the features of somatic transposition in the Drosophila intestine. EMBO, 2021