

## RICK AKKERMAN

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### EXPERIENCE

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#### Max Planck Institute for Intelligent Systems

February 2024 - Present

Research Intern

- Research on synthesizing object dynamics from human motion using diffusion models

#### Stanford University Innovation Fellows

March 2019 - April 2024

External Relations Coordinator

- Co-coordinated a multidisciplinary team of 12 students;
- Revamped the Campus App, surveyed 400 students, consulted the product team;
- Organized a 24-hour workshop event hosted by universities and companies such as the Stanford d.school, KLM and FH Salzburg with 300 unique attendees;
- Lead cohorts from Hamburg Technical University and Erasmus University Rotterdam throughout the Stanford Design Thinking training.

#### Innovation Centre for Artificial Intelligence

August 2022 - March 2023

Communication Manager

- Organized and conducted interviews with AI experts in the Netherlands;
- Supported in developing strategies to showcase the [impact of over 40 AI Labs](#)

### EDUCATION

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#### University of Amsterdam

September 2021 - Present

MSc. Artificial Intelligence

- Publication [\[Re\] Explaining in Style: Training a GAN to Explain a Classifier in StyleSpace](#) presented at NeurIPS by first author
- Courses: Machine Learning I; Natural Language Processing I; Computer Vision I & II; Deep Learning I & II; Reinforcement Learning; Information Retrieval I; Interpretability & Explainability in AI; Fairness, Accountability, Confidentiality and Transparency in AI, and; Knowledge Representation and Reasoning (GPA: 7.36 out of 10)

#### University of Twente

September 2018 - August 2021

BSc. (Hons) Technology, Liberal Arts & Sciences (major in AI)

- Additionally, participated in a separate honors program on Processes of Change, which involved developing and implementing change interventions at personal, business, and societal levels. This included receiving professional coaching from KPMG and undertaking a consulting project for a university client.

### VOLUNTARY WORK

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#### Huizer Bidders Foundation

January 2017 - September 2018

- Co-established a youth department to ensure the longevity of bidders by engaging younger generations in sailing and maintenance of authentic historical seascape