

Blogger

French, 30 years old (26/07/1989)

PhD in Neurobiology

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Engineering Master Degree in Biotechnology

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Dr. Pauline Fritsch

- Looking to transition from experimental research towards support of PhD students and early career researchers. I wish to join universities administrations to develop research programs and support programs for them.
- Quick learner, proactive and flexible team player with experience working in the multicultural environments of academia.

Experiences

July 2018 – **blogger** Launched my website Academiac.net to share what helped me during my PhD studies in the hope to help others. In particular, I write about the importance of **soft skills**.

Through blog posts and resources, **I summarize and organize information for PhD students and researchers**, as for example:

- [Highlights of a Review about the PhD Experience \(Sverdlik et al., 2018\)](#)
- [Project Management Resource for PhD Students and Supervisors](#)
- [Graduate Centers & Soft Skills Programs in Swiss Universities](#)

2017 – 2019 **Digital nomad**: working online while traveling in South-East Asia with my life partner; working on my project Academiac.net plus a traveling blog, and traveler organizing our travels; a long-time dream fulfilled.

2013 – 2017 University of Fribourg (Switzerland). The visual system of *Drosophila* larvae: 4.5 years neural network and behavioral plasticity, supervised by [Dr.Sprecher](#).

PhD research

- Quickly developed as an independent researcher in a dynamic lab enjoying both to **lead my own projects** and to **collaborate closely with locally as well as internationally**.
- Published in a high impact open-access journal ([elife](#)) and collaborated on an international consortium project ([Journal of Experimental Biology](#)).
- **Communication**: 9 talks & 3 posters in local and national meetings in Switzerland, plus a poster in Washington.
- **Organized the CUSO StarOmics PhD students retreat 2017**. A 2days/1night event for 20 students co-organized with one fellow PhD student.
- **Co-supervised 2 bachelor students**, 2014 & 2016. Project design, teaching, support with thesis writing and final presentation.

2012
6-month
internship

Children's Hospital Medical Center (Cincinnati, Ohio, USA). **Initiated a new collaborative project** between [Dr.Campbell](#) and [Dr.Gebelein](#) labs to study the early brain development.

2009 – 2011
Students' Associations

Within my engineering school:

- Vice-chair of the [Proving Forum](#) Association 2011 for the **organization of 4 annual career fairs**.
- In charge of the **Biotechnology Career Fair** organization in 2010.
- Responsibilities finding **sponsors**, arranging **speakers** and **company representatives** attendance and welcoming them on events.

Education

2013 – 2017 **PhD** in Neurobiology in Dr.Sprecher's lab, Department of Biology, University of Fribourg (Switzerland).

2011 – 2012 **Research Master Degree** in Bioinformatics, Structural Biochemistry and Genomics [BBSG](#), Aix-Marseille University (Marseilles, France). Final rank: 2/14.

2009 – 2012 **Engineering Master Degree** in Biotechnology, at [ESIL](#) School of Advanced Studies in Engineering (Marseilles, France). Final rank: 2/41.

Continuing Education

April - June
2019 **Inspiring Leadership through Emotional Intelligence** by Case Western Reserve University, online training on Coursera.org with certificate. To apply **compassion, active listening** and **mindfulness** in **coaching** and **leadership**.

2014 - 2017 During my PhD, taking advantage from a **transferable skills** doctoral program in Switzerland (the [CUSO](#)), I followed training and applied the acquired skills in particular in [project management](#), [team work](#), and **communication** (academic writing & oral presentation).

Additional Skills

- **WordPress** blog management since 2012, social media & newsletter **communication, writing** for the academic community
- **Thorough, self-organized** and **focused on action**, inspired by [Getting Things Done®](#)
- **French** mother tongue; **English** professional speaking, reading & writing.