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Kelsey is a project manager at the Center for Neurogenomics and Cognitive Research at VU Amsterdam and at Alzheimercenter Amsterdam at Amsterdam UMC.

Short biography

Kelsey currently manages three projects at VU Amsterdam and Amsterdam UMC: the European STXBP1 Consortium (ESCO), the MODEM Consortium, and the YOD-Molecular Consortium. ESCO is an independently funded initiative that connects research on STXBP1-related disorders across eight European countries through a registry and natural history study. MODEM is a ZonMw Onderzoeksprogramma Dementie project focused on advancing understanding of dementia mechanisms through an interdisciplinary approach. YOD-Molecular is an NWO KIC grant that aims to enhance recognition of young-onset dementia by developing new diagnostic tools, studying underlying mechanisms, and linking clinical and biological characteristics to accelerate diagnosis and therapy development.

With a background in international relations and the non-profit sector, Kelsey brings international expertise in building collaborations across borders and between disciplines. She has experience in outreach, patient and family engagement, and consortium management, with a passion for connecting science to patient impact and fostering the next generation of researchers through graduate school initiatives.

Curriculum Vitae

- 2025-present: Project Manager - CNCR, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam
- 2023-present: Project Manager - European STXBP1 Consortium (ESCO)
- 2023-2025: Department Manager - CNCR, Functional Genomics Department, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam
- 2021-2023: Field Specialist - Lions Clubs International, Chicago, USA
- 2015-2020: Senior Educator & Reading Specialist - My English School, Singapore
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Education

- 2020-2021: MA in International Relations, Leiden University, Netherlands
- 2010-2014: BA in Global Studies, University of Illinois, USA