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Curriculum Vitae

Barbara Braams was born April 9th, 1986 in Utrecht, The Netherlands. She graduated high school (gymnasium) from College Het Loo, Voorburg in 2004. After graduating she did a bachelors of psychology at the University of Groningen. In 2008 she started the research master Brain and Cognitive Sciences, track Cognitive Neuroscience at the University of Amsterdam. During the research master she did two research internships. The first internship was at the Behavioral and Cognitive Neuroscience Institute, directed by Prof. Dr. Trevor Robbins at Cambridge University. The internship was under supervision of Dr. Molly Crockett and Prof. Dr. Tobias Kalenscher. The aim of this project was to investigate the neural correlates of restricting temptations. Her second internship was at the Stanford Psychophysiological Laboratory, directed by Prof. Dr. James Gross, at Stanford University. This internship was supervised by Dr. Jens Blechert and Prof. Dr. Merel Kindt. The aim of this project was to investigate emotion regulation techniques for anxiety. She received her Master of Science cum laude.

In 2011 she started working at the Brain and Development Lab at Leiden University, where she conducted her PhD research under supervision of Prof. Dr. Eveline Crone and Dr. Jiska Peper. In January 2016 Barbara will start working at Harvard University in the Affective Neuroscience and Development Lab, under supervision of Dr. Leah Somerville. She will work on a project investigating the influence of peers on adolescent risky decision-making.

