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Merve Karacaoğlu was born on November 16th, 1991 in Ankara, Turkey. Growing up, she lived in Turkey as well as in California, USA and Koblenz, Germany. She graduated from Ayrancı Anatolian High School in Ankara in 2010. Afterwards, she was granted a comprehensive scholarship to study Psychology Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) at Bilkent University, Ankara, Turkey. During her time there, she did an internship at the National Magnetic Resonance Research Center (UMRAM) in Ankara and also participated in the Erasmus exchange program at Tilburg University.

Upon obtaining her Psychology B.A. diploma in 2014, she moved to Amsterdam, the Netherlands. She was awarded a scholarship from the VU Fellowship Program to pursue a two-year research master in Cognitive Neuropsychology at Vrije Universiteit (VU) Amsterdam. For her master thesis, she conducted EEG research on the priority switches in the visual working memory. Upon receiving her MSc. diploma in 2016, she worked as a research assistant at the Netherlands Aerospace Center (NLR) in Amsterdam while conducting Virtual Reality (VR) research to improve the soundscape quality of urban areas exposed to aircraft noise. On November 2017, she started her PhD at the Health, Medical and Neuropsychology unit of Leiden University. Her research focused on the prediction of nocebo effects and particularly, its role in pain progression in patients with fibromyalgia.

On November 2022, she began working as a software engineer at SkyLeague Services BV in Amsterdam. Currently, she lives in Leiden, where she completed her PhD dissertation.

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