

Curriculum Vitae

Jeroen Geurtsen was born on June 23rd 1980 in Utrecht, the Netherlands. After finishing high school (VWO) at the Oosterlicht College in Nieuwegein in 1998, he studied Biology at Utrecht University. During this study, he completed two internships. The first one in the Molecular Microbiology group of prof. dr. Jan Tommassen, where he studied the function of an evolutionary conserved outer-membrane protein of *Neisseria meningitidis*, i.e., Omp85 (12 months), and the other one in the Medical Microbiology group of prof. dr. Ben Berkhout in the Amsterdam Medical Centre (AMC), University of Amsterdam, where he investigated the role of RNA interactions in the translation initiation of the human immuno-deficiency virus GAG polypeptide (6 months). After receiving the Master of Science degree in September 2002, he started as a PhD student on a collaborative project between the Department of Molecular Microbiology of the faculty of Biology of Utrecht University, the Netherlands under the supervision of prof. dr. Jan Tommassen and the Unit Research and Development of the Netherlands Vaccine Institute in Bilthoven, the Netherlands under the supervision of dr. Peter van der Ley. As of January 1st 2007, he is working as a post-doc in the same groups for a short period and as of early spring 2007, he will start working as a post-doc at the Free University of Amsterdam in the Medical Microbiology group of dr. Ben Appelmelk on an EU-granted project, which is aimed at developing an improved vaccine against *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*.