

# I really love education



**Evi Salimans**

combined a Bachelor's in Language and Cultural Studies and French Language and Culture at Utrecht University with an educational minor, and obtained her Master's in Intercultural Communication last year. She now works at Edufax.

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Evi Salimans (25) used to want to be a teacher. Although she didn't end up in the classroom, she does work in the education sector. Salimans chose a degree programme that reflected her interest in language, culture and education. Her current job as Educational Mobility Consultant at Edufax offers a perfect mix of those three fields. She advises and supports expat families in the process of finding suitable education for their children.

**So how did you come to choose your degree programme?**

"Language and Cultural Studies reflected my broad interests, and offered a great opportunity to take French. Unfortunately, I couldn't do an educational minor, so I took a separate Bachelor's in French. The Master's in Intercultural Communication allowed me to explore my favourite Bachelor's subjects in greater depth."

**Did you do anything else to prepare for this career?**

"I taught Dutch at a primary school in French Guiana as a part of my Bachelor's work placement. It was my first ever teaching experience, and I discovered I loved education and wanted to make it a career."

**How did you manage to build your current network?**

"I don't consciously network, but I am active on LinkedIn. In fact, that's where I first came across Edufax. I always add any interesting people I meet so we can stay in touch."

**So, how do you look back on your time at UU now that you've started your working life?**

"It's only now I'm finding out how many valuable things I learned during my studies. My job involves preparing educational recommendations for families relocating to countries with a different language and culture. My knowledge of intercultural communication really comes in handy. My ability to think from different perspectives and research skills are obviously helpful as well."

## So what's next?

"I'll be staying with Edufax as long as I enjoy the work and can keep growing. I'm not sure what my next career move will be, but it will probably be related to education in some way." ◀

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