

**YOUR GUIDE TO JOINING THE
PREMIERE DATA SCIENCE & AI
COMMUNITY IN LEUVEN**

BECOME  EMERGENT

2026-2027

**A DECADE OF EXCELLENCE IN
AI AND DATA SCIENCE**

ABOUT EMERGENT

EMPOWERING THE DATA SCIENCE & AI STUDENT COMMUNITY



Our Vision

Data Science and AI are reshaping every part of society. At Emergent, we bring together driven students in Leuven from all backgrounds who are interested to be part of that change. We equip our members with the skills, mindset, and network to reach their full potential and to create real, lasting impact with Data Science and AI.

Our Mission

We empower students throughout their Data Science & AI journey in the following ways:

- Guide** students towards their Data Science & AI career journey through career-oriented events.
- Enlighten** students about key challenges, breakthroughs, and evolving trends in Data Science & AI through high-impact events
- Apply** Data Science & AI in real-life situations through challenges and consulting projects.
- Develop** strong technical and professional skills through practical workshops.
- Connect** with a diverse and ambitious community that brings together different perspectives and ideas.



ABOUT EMERGENT

ENGAGING DATA-DRIVEN MINDS TO
LEARN AND BUILD WHAT MATTERS



Magnet for Exceptional Talent

At Emergent, we believe Data Science and AI are not just fields of study, they are shaping the future of industries, societies, and economies. Our events connect students with real-world challenges, giving them the chance to learn, innovate, and stand out.

Through events like Career Night and the Data for Good Challenge (D4GC), students get direct access to leading companies in Data Science and AI. They explore career opportunities, showcase their skills, and connect with potential employers. These events give them a platform to get noticed, gain real-world experience, and open doors to internships, junior roles, or impactful projects.

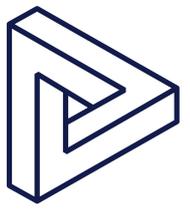
Pioneering a Future Shaped by Data Science and AI

To run Emergent's flagship events to the highest standard, we rely on a motivated group of international students from a wide range of academic backgrounds. As Emergent continues to grow, **we bring in new volunteers every year** to strengthen the team, introduce fresh ideas, and support the expansion of our community.

This guide explains **how you can join the Emergent team** and get involved in organizing projects, workshops, and competitions. As a team member, you gain hands-on experience, develop both technical and organizational skills, and work closely with industry partners.

Join us and **contribute to a community** at the intersection of Data Science & AI, **build a strong professional network** and **take concrete steps toward your future career.**

OUR PARTNERS



At Emergent, we have a decade-long track record of working with companies of all sizes. Through these collaborations, we have built a strong alumni network across leading organizations, creating direct links between Emergent and industry.

As a team member, **you interact with tech leaders and innovators** who actively participate in our events, giving you early exposure to industry, real connections, and opportunities that extend well beyond the events themselves.



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Years trusted by companies

50+

Companies collaborated with

50+

Members & attendees get hired by partners

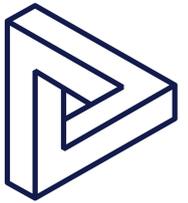
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ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE



Emergent is structured into multiple teams. Each team is led by a Director and supported by a group of Leads who oversee specific functions within the team. The overall organization is governed by the Executive Board, led by the President, Vice President, and Finance and Legal Director. The Executive Board provides strategic direction and oversees the operations of all teams.



EXECUTIVE BOARD

President Vice President Finance & Legal Director

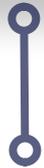
Digital Director

CP Director

Events Director

PR Director

People Director



TEAM DIGITAL

Lead Marketing Campaigns (x3)

Lead IT & Analytics (x2)



TEAM CONSULTING PROJECTS

Lead Projects (x3)



TEAM EVENTS

Lead Events (x3)



TEAM PARTNER RELATIONS

Lead PR (x3)



TEAM PEOPLE

Lead People (x2)



D4GC Director

DATA 4 GOOD CHALLENGE

Lead D4GC Operations
Lead D4GC Challenge



Ember Director

TEAM EMBER

Ember Lead



Questions?
Contact Lili De Bruyn,
current president of
Emergent.



BECOME  **EMERGENT**

PRESIDENT



Team Leadership



Estimated Time Commitment
15h - 30h a week



Application Deadline
8/3/2026



Emergent email
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Responsibilities



- Long-term strategic planning and 'big picture' overview
- Alignment of the entire organization and its people
- Being the external face of Emergent
- Coaching and leading the Executive Board

Characteristics



- Social & eager to connect with people
- Entrepreneurial mindset; ability to make fast & quality decisions
- Good at delegating and leading people/teams
- High availability and commitment

You will learn



- Effective communication, listening & general people skills
- Character and integrity
- Conflict & crisis management
- Strategic & long-term oriented thinking

From our current team

For me, Emergent is one of those places where I can try big ideas without pretending I already have everything figured out. I've grown a lot in this role, not only in how I communicate and lead, but also in how I turn ideas into actions. What I'll remember most, though, is the people. Emergent has this way of turning a group of busy students into a team that truly shows up for each other. I've had the chance to work with so many different personalities with each their own strengths, and it made me realize again how much better things get when you build them together. If you enjoy working with a diverse team, taking responsibility, and helping students grow while you grow too, you'll probably feel at home here. I genuinely believe next year can be even stronger than the last, and I'd love to see new people step in and help shape what Emergent becomes next.



LILI
DE BRUYN



VICE PRESIDENT



Team Leadership



Estimated Time Commitment
15h - 30h a week



Application Deadline
8/3/2026



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Responsibilities



- Responsible for operations & activities of Emergent
- Ensuring activities are executed and goals are reached
- Supporting the directors and acting as a liaison between them
- Being the internal coordinator of Emergent

Characteristics



- Ability to make fast & high-quality decisions
- Eager to be involved with everything inside the organization
- High availability and commitment
- Ability to work as a team, share & listen to opinions

You will learn



- Effective communication, listening & general people skills
- Character and integrity
- Conflict & crisis management
- Strategic & long-term oriented thinking

From our current team

As the Vice-President of Emergent, you share full responsibility and ownership of the organization alongside the president. While this might sound intimidating at first, my year in Emergent turned out to be nothing short of transformative. It was a journey filled with incredible experiences: building an amazing team, forging lifelong friendships, and discovering exciting career opportunities. This role offers an unparalleled learning experience, where you truly understand what it means to make significant or even risky decisions. You'll witness the positive impact of your choices firsthand, while also learning how to navigate and overcome any challenges that arise. For anyone who thrives on connecting with people and building strong relationships, while also driving innovation in an organization, the Vice-President role is perfect for you. Emergent isn't just a student organization, it's a family. :) I am always more than happy to grab a drink or a coffee to answer any questions you may have before applying!



GILLES
NIVELLES



FINANCE & LEGAL DIRECTOR



Team Leadership



Estimated Time Commitment
10h - 20h a week



Application Deadline
8/3/2026



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Responsibilities



- Responsible for financial management and legal compliance
- Creation of and follow-up of budgets, expenses, invoices and contracts and contact with accountant
- Management of legal and fiscal obligations of the NPO (VZW)
- Apply for subsidies (LOKO)

Characteristics



- Good financial & legal judgment
- Basic knowledge of accounting
- Reliable & conscientious
- Ability to make fast & high-quality decisions
- Committed to be involved with every aspect of the organization

You will learn



- Effective communication, listening & general people skills
- Character and integrity
- Conflict & crisis management
- Strategic & long-term oriented thinking

From our current team

Keeping everything legally and financially in order sounds important, right? It is. It's like the foundation of the house, if it's beautifully built, you're not supposed to see it, but without it, it would collapse. Getting to know these procedures and formalities creates an important backbone for a professional career as either a CFO or corporate lawyer.

I know I made my job sound extremely important, but it would be nothing without the team that essentially built the house, because after all, what is a house with only its foundation: not a home. The most important asset of Emergent, aside from its expertise and the events it organizes, is its people.

As a Law student, I thought I would have a hard time fitting in with the team, considering that almost everyone has a more scientific background. Not only did I instantly click with the whole team, I would even say I became very good friends with everyone. Even though you have to run a business, it feels like a fun group-project with your friends, where you only want the best for the team and the organization.

As they say: "dreamers never learn", so stop dreaming and apply!



MEHRAD



DIGITAL DIRECTOR



Team
Digital



Estimated Time Commitment
10h - 25h a week



Application Deadline
8/3/2026



Emergent email
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Responsibilities



- Lead Team Digital, Emergent's creative & technological heart
- Define the marketing strategy of Emergent and its branding
- Evaluate the effectiveness based on received campaign analytics
- Promote the organization and attract participants to our events

Characteristics



- Social media-minded
- Creative mind, eye for aesthetics
- Preferably experienced with Canva/Photoshop/Illustrator
- Know how to attract people interested in Data Science and AI
- Ability to gather, analyze & interpret data

You will learn



- Effective communication, listening & general people skills
- Proactive thinking & prioritization
- Project Management
- Marketing & communication strategy
- Visual content creation

From our current team

As Digital Director, you cultivate the entire Emergent brand, which is most definitely easier said than done! Get ready to schedule marketing campaigns for all upcoming events, monitor the design process and evaluate the effectiveness of the entire operation. On one side, you are responsible for the promotional tasks along with your marketing leads, while on the other, you direct the analysis of participants' data to improve the targeting of your future campaigns. This role requires well-thought out planning and management skills, as week-to-week operation is pretty standard for the Digital team.

However, perhaps the most important responsibility is to manage your team and work. After all, every manager is only as strong as their own team!

In general, the role is definitely rewarding and actually much more social than expected, as you get to interact with a lion's share of the entire Emergent team!



LARA EKICI



LEAD CAMPAIGNS (X3)



Team
Digital



Estimated Time Commitment
5h - 15h a week



Application Deadline
8/3/2026



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Responsibilities



- Plan & execute multiple end-to-end marketing campaigns
- Graphic design & content creation for marketing
- (Social) media management
- Act as an internal marketing consultant to other teams

Characteristics



- Social media-minded
- Creative mind, eye for aesthetics
- Optionally, experienced with Canva/Photoshop/Illustrator
- Sociable & supportive

You will learn



- How to plan and execute marketing campaigns
- Social media strategy and management
- Graphic design and content creation
- How to support teams as an internal marketing consultant

From our current team

As a Lead Marketing team member, you will be at the heart of designing and executing marketing strategies for our events. You'll collaborate closely with your teammates to create compelling campaigns, ensure strong event outreach, and bring innovative ideas to the table. This role will help you refine your strategic thinking, enhance your creative skills, and teach how to effectively engage audiences.

But the best part of being a part of Emergent is the people. Everyone is incredibly supportive, motivated, and full of energy. We are more than just a team, we are like a family, constantly pushing each other to create something amazing. The experience of working with such an inspiring group made every challenge worthwhile.

If you want to know more, feel free to reach out to me!



KARINA
SMOLAREK



LEAD IT & ANALYTICS (X2)



Team
Digital



Estimated Time Commitment
15h - 25h a week



Application Deadline
8/7/3/2026



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Responsibilities



- Maintenance & development of IT Infrastructure (Websites, Slack and Databases)
- Gathering, analyzing and communicating data (surveys, tracking, social media...)

Characteristics



- Creative mind, eye for aesthetics
- Solid IT fundamentals
- Optionally experience with Vercel, react JS, SQL databases, ...

You will learn



- Effective communication, listening & general people skills
- Proactive thinking & prioritization
- Web development
- Communication strategy
- End-to-end data analysis

From our current team

You are the backbone of our digital operations. Your main responsibility? Keeping everything up-to-date and running smoothly! From maintaining and optimizing the website to ensuring all online resources are current, you'll be at the forefront of our tech infrastructure.

On the analytics side, you'll dive deep into the data we store, analyzing trends and insights to help shape better decision-making for the team. Whether it's tracking user interactions, improving efficiency, or identifying key patterns, your work directly impacts how we grow and adapt. Beyond technical work, this role is also about collaboration. You'll work closely with different teams to ensure seamless digital experiences and help guide strategic decisions based on data. While the role requires strong problem-solving skills, it's also dynamic—you'll constantly be learning and adapting to new challenges!



JEFF JAMBÉ



CP DIRECTOR



Team
Consulting Projects



Estimated Time Commitment
10h - 25h a week



Application Deadline
8/3/2026



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Responsibilities



- Lead Team Consulting Projects
- Ensure the end-to-end success of the consulting projects, from finding clients to recruiting students and completing the cases
- Take the experience of consulting projects to the next level

Characteristics



- Communication & sales skills
- Knowhow of Data Science & AI techniques, applications and business opportunities
- Proactive thinking & planning
- Servant leadership: supporting the team in executing their roles

You will learn

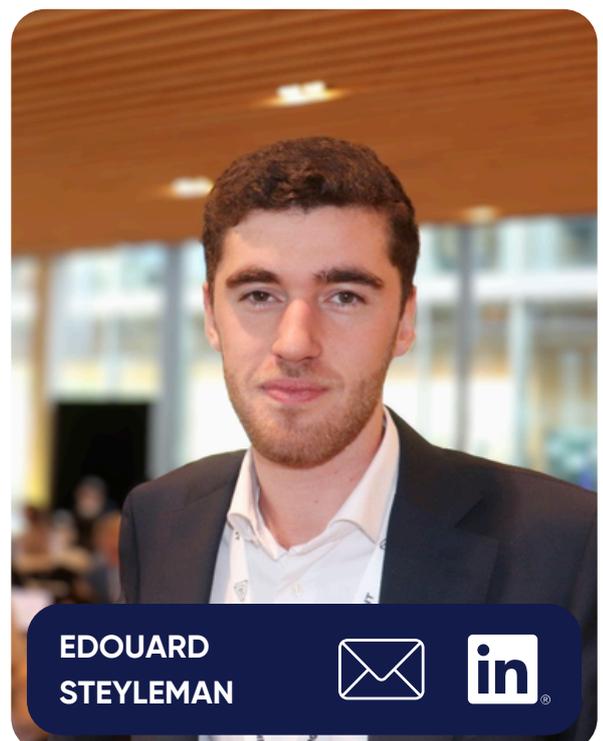


- How to lead end-to-end consulting projects
- Client and stakeholder management
- Applying Data Science and AI to business cases
- Effective project planning and team leadership

From our current team

As a CP Director, you carry a significant amount of responsibility. First, the quality of the projects you deliver to clients must meet the required standards, and project completion should stay within the estimated time frame to ensure client satisfaction. However, equally important is the well-being and satisfaction of both the student teams and your CP team.

Leading consulting projects is a dynamic experience with its ups and downs. One moment, everything runs smoothly, and the next, an unexpected challenge arises. But that is precisely the charm of these projects: you quickly learn to seek solutions and proactively anticipate potential issues. Especially when things don't go as planned, it strengthens the collaboration within the consulting projects team. If you enjoy problem-solving, finding the right solutions and applications, and engaging with tech companies at the forefront of innovation, I highly recommend giving the role of CP Director a chance!



LEAD PROJECTS (X3)



Team
Consulting Projects



Estimated Time Commitment
10h - 15h a week



Application Deadline
8/3/2026



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Responsibilities



- Lead a team of project consultants every semester
- Elicit & negotiate project requirements and goals
- Ensure the qualitative & successful delivery of the project, putting the client first

Characteristics



- Excellent communication skills
- Knowhow of Data Science & AI techniques, applications and business opportunities
- Proactive thinking & planning
- Good at time management and planning

You will learn



- Communication, listening & general people skills
- Proactive thinking & prioritization
- Leadership skills
- Build your data science skill set

From our current team

As a Project Lead, you are tasked with the responsibility of ensuring that the end result aligns with the client's scope and vision of the project. You have to be the "bridge" between the students and the clients, guaranteeing smooth communication between all parties involved.

Having the opportunity to work hand in hand with a client is the best part of being a project lead. You get to work on amazing projects such as creating an LLM model or creating a novel way for automatic video game testing.

I recommend becoming a project lead, not only do you improve your network and potentially work for your future employer but you also learn technical, and soft skills that will be used later on in your career.



ARIA RADMEHR



EVENT DIRECTOR



Team Events



Estimated Time Commitment
10h - 20h a week



Application Deadline
8/3/2026



Emergent email
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Responsibilities



- Lead Team Events, the organizers & doers of Emergent
- Ensure all public events are well-planned and executed
- Act as the primary decision-maker during events, stepping in quickly to resolve issues and ensure smooth continuity.
- Elevate the quality and impact of Emergent events to deliver exceptional experiences.

Characteristics



- Interested in delivering impactful events
- Knowledgeable and up to date on AI and Data Science trends
- Supportive of the team in organizing their events
- Organized, with strong time management and planning skills.

You will learn



- Effective communication, listening & strong people skills
- Proactive thinking & prioritization
- Organizational skills
- Resilience & adaptability

From our current team

The Events Director plays a key role at Emergent, setting the vision and strategy for events throughout the year. You will oversee the full event lifecycle, from idea and planning to execution, and ensure every event delivers a high-quality experience.

Working closely with the Events team and in collaboration with other departments, you will coordinate people, logistics, and resources to bring events to life. During events, you act as the main point of decision-making, ready to step in, and adapt when challenges arise.

This role is ideal for you if you are organized, adaptable, and confident in leading others. Strong communication and the ability to stay calm under pressure are essential. In return, you will have the opportunity to grow as a leader, sharpen your decision-making skills, and turn ideas into reality.

If you are passionate about creating impactful events and excited to lead with vision, then the Events Director is the role for you. And of course, you'll collaborate with a driven, creative, and fun team: the best part of being part of Emergent!



KATE
BUDZANOWSKA



LEAD WORKSHOPS



Team Events



Estimated Time Commitment
5h - 15h a week



Application Deadline
8/3/2026



Emergent email

Responsibilities



- Organize 4 - 8 workshops, possibly as part of a track
- Choose workshop topics & find a host, or host it yourself
- End-to-end ownership of workshops, from planning to execution
- Ensure the greatest Emergent experience for attendees

Characteristics



- Interested in planning events (locations, resources, catering...)
- A knowhow of Data Science & AI skills that people want to learn
- Good at time management and planning
- Professional communication (marketing & partners)

You will learn



- Effective communication, listening & people skills
- Proactive thinking & prioritization
- Organizational skills
- Problem solving
- Data Science & AI skills

From our current team

Becoming a part of Emergent has been one of the most rewarding professional decisions I've made. While it requires dedication and effort, Emergent is widely recognized for organizing high-quality events by all partner organizations. In just one year, I had the opportunity to network with many professionals in the fields of data science and AI, and participate in a variety of engaging workshops and events. This position is a new position we are opening next year and we are excited to receive your applications! If you would like to learn more about this position, then do not hesitate to reach out to me or Lili!



GILLES NIVELLES



LEAD STARTUPS IN AI



Team Events



Estimated Time Commitment
5h - 15h a week



Application Deadline
8/3/2026



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Responsibilities



- Oversee event logistics (find locations, caterers, partners...)
- Bring interesting startups together
- Public speaking and greeting partners on the day of the event

Characteristics



- Passionate about meaningful AI entrepreneurship
- Proficiency in project management
- Creativity and patience
- Interested in event planning

You will learn



- Become familiar with the Belgian startups landscape
- Event organization
- Communication with partners
- Public speaking

From our current team

If you prefer to focus on one project at a time, Startups in AI is for you. This is a one of a kind event that aims to bring together students and entrepreneurs in AI. In this year's edition, we are hosting a pitch competition and a fair that showcase startups using AI in creative ways. However, it will be your vision that brings it to life next year.

Aside from event logistics, like booking venues and finding partner, this role will allow you to build an event from the ground up, while receiving all the support you need from other Emergent members. For me, this has been the most fun part: whenever I cannot solve something, I know I can count on my team to sort it out.

If you are curious about this position or have any other questions, I'm always happy to answer them!



MARIÁN PALACIOS
FERNÁNDEZ



LEAD EVENTS (X3)



Team Events



Estimated Time Commitment
5h - 10h a week



Application Deadline
8/3/2026



Emergent email
simon.hardy@emergentleuven.be



Responsibilities



- Organize the operational side of multiple events per semester
- Take care of finding locations, supplying food & drinks for receptions, ensuring the necessary materials are present & set up in the right place, decorating the locations

Characteristics



- Interested in planning events (locations, resources, catering...)
- Good at time management and planning
- Smooth communication
- Taking initiative

You will learn



- Effective communication, listening & general people skills
- Proactive thinking & prioritization
- Organizational skills
- Problem solving

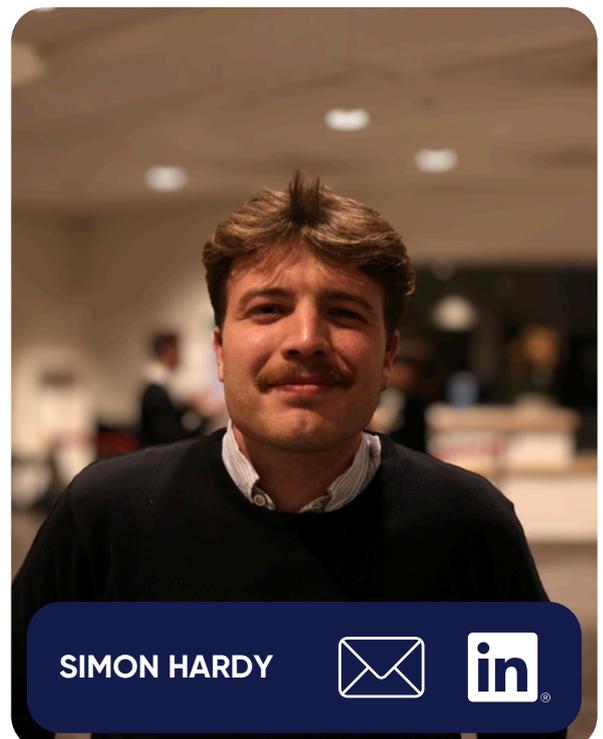
From our current team

As lead events, we're the muscle of Emergent. For all the events, we have creative the freedom for the concepts of the events. We're in charge of making sure the venues are all set up, drinks and food are ordered, and that everyone has a great time.

If you love being very hands-on and seeing things take shape before your (and everyone else's) eyes, then this is definitely the role for you. It requires flexibility and the ability to make quick decisions to keep everything smooth, but it is so satisfying seeing something you've planned come to life.

I loved collaborating with all of the other Emergent team members for the events. There is such a great energy that motivates you daily, such that no task feels like a hassle.

So if seeing your visions come to life, working with amazing people, and having an eye for detail sounds like you, be our next lead events! If you want any extra info, don't be afraid to reach out to us, we're happy to chat!



SIMON HARDY



D4GC DIRECTOR



Team
D4GC



Estimated Time Commitment
15h - 25h a week



Application Deadline
8/3/2026



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Responsibilities



- Lead the D4GC Taskforce
- End-to-end ownership of the D4GC, from planning to execution
- Ensure the greatest Emergent experience for attendees

Characteristics



- Interested in planning events (locations, resources, catering...)
- Knowhow of the possible applications of Data Science & AI
- Extremely good at time management and planning
- Professional communication (marketing & partners)
- Ability to keep a clear head under pressure

You will learn



- Effective communication, listening & general people skills
- Proactive thinking & prioritization
- Organizational skills
- Problem solving (Data Science & AI skills)
- Leadership

From our current team

You have a huge responsibility when it comes to being a D4GC director. This is Emergent's flagship event and the stakes are high. Your task is to make sure everything goes smoothly. You have to be very responsible, creative, and a good leader for your team. Think big, and be ready to make fast decisions, and make the next edition even better. I'm looking forward to seeing how the next one turns out.

You're basically involved in everything when it comes to organizing the event. From team management, delegation, logistics overview, the challenge, partners, sponsors, participants, and keeping contact with other Emergent directors such as PR, Marketing, and Leadership.

This is no easy task, but I'm confident that you can do this! You're going to learn a lot while doing the job so try to make the best out of it and don't forget to have fun!



ANIS ISMAIL



LEAD D4GC OPERATIONS



Team
D4GC



Estimated Time Commitment
10h - 15h a week



Application Deadline
8/3/2026



Emergent email
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Responsibilities



- Organize the operational side of the Data 4 Good Challenge
- Take care of finding locations, food & drinks throughout the day, ensuring the necessary materials are present & set up, decorating
- Instructing people during buildup, breakdown & the day itself

Characteristics



- Interested in planning events (locations, resources, catering...)
- Good at time management and planning
- Smooth communication
- Leadership

You will learn



- Effective communication, listening & general people skills
- Proactive thinking & prioritization
- Organizational skills
- Problem solving

From our current team

Get into the spotlight as Lead D4GC Operations and take on this exciting challenge of orchestrating the next edition of our flagship event! You are in charge of the whole experience, from venue to every decoration piece.

As the organisational force behind the next edition and the full support of Emergent's leadership and your director, you will get the chance to have full creative control over the challenge day. Your main responsibility will be ensuring that all operational aspects are meticulously handled. This includes tasks such as venue reservations, procurement of supplies, coordinating catering services, and work schedules for the event days.

Are you up for the challenge? Are you comfortable with task and people management and logistics, or do you want to gain experience in this field and join the leading student organisation in data science & AI? Then this role is for you! You can always contact me to grab a drink or have a small get together!



LEAD D4GC CHALLENGE



Team
D4GC



Estimated Time Commitment
10h - 15h a week



Application Deadline
8/3/2026



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Responsibilities



- Build the case that participants will work on during the D4GC
- Find datasets & background information regarding the challenge
- Document the challenge and set up the participants for success
- Ensure the challenge is interesting, well-defined and feasible

Characteristics



- Know what's possible with Data Science & AI
- Have experience applying Data Science & AI to real-life problems
- Clear writing & communication skills
- Have an affinity for research
- Strong coding skills in data mining, cleaning and preprocessing

You will learn



- Effective communication, listening & people skills
- Proactive thinking & prioritization
- Problem solving
- Work effectively under pressure

From our current team

Creating a challenge is more exciting, but also more demanding, than participating in one. Despite the difficulty, I must admit that I learned countless lessons while preparing for the challenge. Being data-creative is essential for this role, meaning you must be able to build a bridge between real-life problems and data. In other words, you should demonstrate both your technical ability and creativity to design the Data 4 Good Challenge with your team. If you are enthusiastic about data science and AI and would like to help organize Emergent's biggest event, then this position is for you!

I am very curious to see how creative and interesting the next D4GC will be. Good luck!



ANIS ISMAIL



PR DIRECTOR



Team
Partner Relations



Estimated Time Commitment
15h - 25h a week



Application Deadline
8/3/2026



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Responsibilities



- Lead Team Partner Relations
- Develop and implement a partnership strategy
- Identify and secure new partnership opportunities with companies
- Ensure partner satisfaction and strong collaboration

Characteristics



- Excellent communication & sales ability
- Proactive thinking & planning
- Interested in connecting with Data Science & AI companies
- Honesty & integrity
- Leader

You will learn

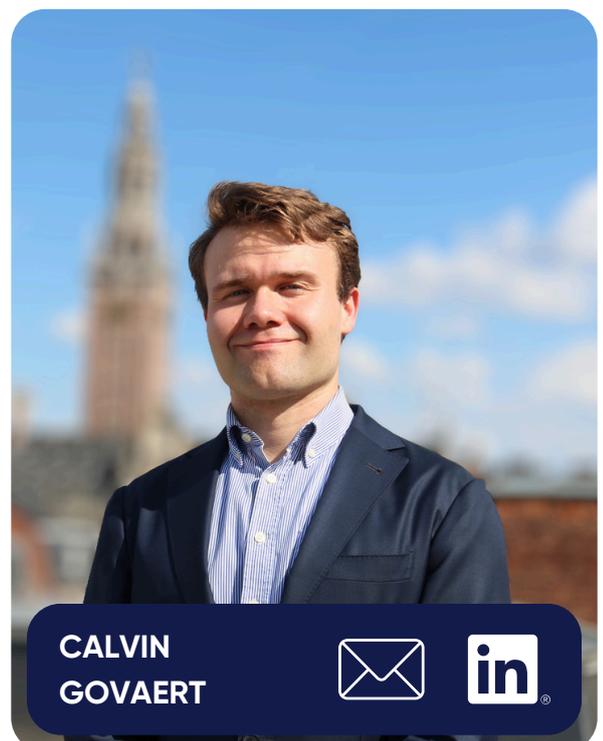


- Effective communication, listening & people skills
- Proactive thinking & prioritization
- Sales & negotiation skills
- Development of professional relationships

From our current team

As PR Director, you'll lead the Partner Relations team and be at the heart of expanding Emergent's network. You'll not only build meaningful new partnerships for our events but also nurture the ones Emergent already has. Along the way, you'll connect with incredible companies and their even more incredible people. Plus, you'll have an amazing team by your side who will teach and support you just as much as you will them.

Of course, it's not without its challenges, aligning goals and navigating the complexities of working with external partners can be tricky. But that's exactly what makes this role so exciting and rewarding. Every connection you create and every hurdle you overcome will leave a lasting impact on Emergent and on your personal and professional growth. If you're ready to take on the challenge and make a real difference, this role has your name written all over it!



CALVIN
GOVAERT



LEAD PR (X3)



Team
Partner Relations



Estimated Time Commitment
5h - 15h a week



Application Deadline
8/3/2026



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Responsibilities



- Ensure timely, and professional communication with partners
- Expand Emergent's corporate network through outreach and networking
- Strengthen partnerships by addressing partner needs
- Collaborate with other teams to ensure clear event planning

Characteristics



- Communication & sales ability
- Proactive thinking, planning & good at problem solving
- Interested in connecting with Data Science & AI companies
- Honesty, integrity & adaptability

You will learn



- Effective communication, listening & people skills
- Proactive thinking
- Sales & negotiation skills
- Development of professional relationships

From our current team

As a PR team member, you will come into contact with many interesting companies from various industries. You will learn how to communicate in an effective and structured manner, how to better understand what companies truly expect from a partnership with a student organization, and how to build new connections. You will also learn to think outside the box, as there are often opportunities to create valuable collaborations that do not immediately come to mind.

The best part of being part of Emergent is the people in it. Everyone is open-minded and motivated to take initiative and collaborate on meaningful projects. These positive interactions are truly inspiring and motivating.

If you would like additional information, do not hesitate to reach out to me on LinkedIn.



LOTTE KESTELEYN



PEOPLE DIRECTOR



Team
People



Estimated Time Commitment
15h - 25h a week



Application Deadline
8/3/2026



Emergent email
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Responsibilities



- Ensure member and alumni satisfaction.
- Strengthen engagement and retention.
- Secure long-term continuity through succession planning.
- Build a strong Data Science and AI community around Emergent.

Characteristics



- Strong interpersonal and communication skills.
- Sound judgment in people decisions.
- Structured and forward-thinking.
- Approachable and discreet.
- Able to manage conflict professionally.

You will learn



- Strategic people management.
- Communication skills.
- Organizational planning.
- Conflict resolution.

From our current team

Being People Director has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my time in Leuven. This position is all about people: creating a welcoming environment, strengthening team connections, and ensuring everyone feels engaged and valued. Whether it's organizing team buildings, planning events, or simply being the person others can turn to, this role has allowed me to truly make an impact on our team.

What makes this role so unique is the variety of tasks it involves. From recruitment to organizing internal activities,, I've had the chance to contribute in ways that inspire others and reflect my own passions. The best part has been seeing how these efforts bring people together and turn our team into a real friend group!

If you're someone who loves being around people and wants to make a meaningful impact in a dynamic team, this role is perfect for you!



LEAD PEOPLE (X2)



Team
People



Estimated Time Commitment
5h - 15h a week



Application Deadline
8/3/2026



Emergent email
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Responsibilities



- Recruit new members into the board
- Organize team buildings & Team Weekend
- Ensure the long-term continuity of Emergent
- Engage alumni and our community

Characteristics



- Excellent interpersonal skills
- Not afraid to reach out to new people
- Proactive thinking & planning
- Open for a conversation with anyone
- Spontaneous & sociable

You will learn



- Good people judgement
- Interpersonal skills
- Planning & time management
- Putting the right person into the right position

From our current team

As a member of Emergent, and particularly as a Lead in the People team, I contribute to team-building initiatives, event planning, and recruitment efforts. Each responsibility directly strengthens cohesion and reinforces a strong sense of community within the organization.

What stands out most is the diversity of experiences. From organizing internal activities to traveling with the Emergent team, I have been able to contribute in ways aligned with my interests and strengths. Emergent provides an inclusive and supportive environment that fosters growth, collaboration, and genuine camaraderie.

If you want to take ownership and shape the Emergent community, apply and become part of team people!



MARIA
MIKOŁAJSKA



EMBER DIRECTOR



Team
Ember



Estimated Time Commitment
10h - 20h a week



Application Deadline
8/3/2026



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Responsibilities



- Organize and lead cutting-edge events such as technical workshops
- Coordinate participation and search of AI-related competitions and hackathons.
- Establish a space for networking and talks by industry and academia professionals.

Characteristics



- Ability to balance technical depth with a big-picture vision
- Being the leader of this community implies being very technical, with a strong expertise in AI and Data Science.
- Ability to deal with the constantly evolving trends and challenges in the AI domain.

You will learn



- Advanced technical knowledge through active involvement in AI competitions, discussions, and workshops.
- Leadership and communication skills, including team management and public speaking.

From our current team

Ember is a specialized group focused on Artificial Intelligence through competitions, technical discussions and workshops among other initiatives. We consider Ember to be more than just a student community; but a growing community where the exceptionally talented students can find a place to connect with like-minded peers, challenge themselves, improve their AI knowledge and skills, and, have fun while at it.

As the Ember Director, you will lead a highly technical team, organizing cutting-edge events, coordinating participation in competitions, and facilitating interactions with industry and academic experts by setting up specialized talks.

If you are passionate about AI, ambitious and possess strong communication skills to inspire and lead our talented community members, I invite you to become our next Ember Director. If you have any further doubts, don't hesitate to reach out to me.



LAURENS GIESEN



EMBER LEAD



Team
Ember



Estimated Time Commitment
5h - 10h a week



Application Deadline
8/3/2026



Email
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Responsibilities



- Organize and lead cutting-edge events such as technical workshops
- Coordinate participation and search of AI-related competitions and hackathons.
- Participate in multiple hackathons

Characteristics



- Ability to balance technical depth with a big-picture vision
- Ability to deal with the constantly evolving trends and challenges in the AI domain.

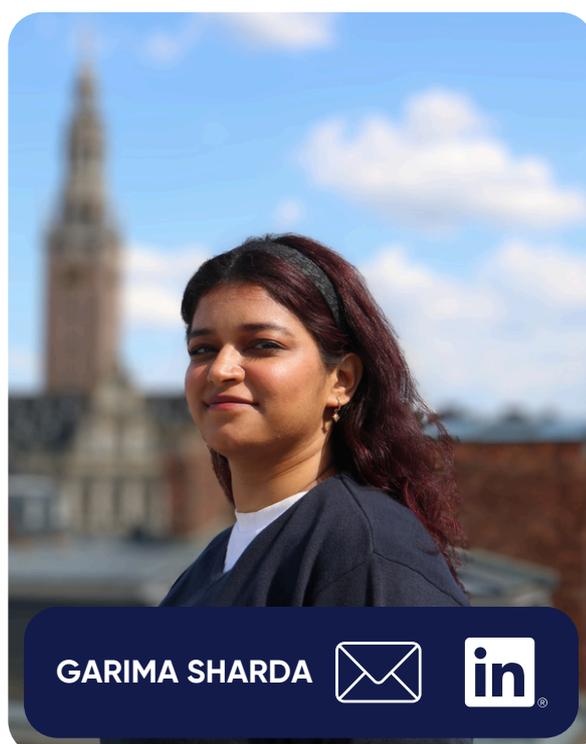
You will learn



- Advanced technical knowledge through active involvement in AI competitions, discussions, and workshops.
- Leadership and communication skills
- Public speaking.

From our current team

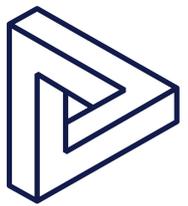
As an Ember Team Member, you'll dive into the exciting side of technology with hands-on workshops, fast-paced hackathons, and competitions that feel more like adventures with friends than assignments. You'll team up with other curious minds to discover interesting challenges to tackle together, share ideas in technical discussions, and explore emerging trends through projects you can actually build and experiment with. Some days you might be presenting a demo or leading a discussion, other times you're brainstorming creative solutions or testing your skills in a high-energy competition environment. Beyond the technical work, you'll develop your communication style, grow your leadership abilities through real experiences and connect with people who genuinely get your enthusiasm for innovation and problem-solving. This isn't about checking boxes, it's about learning through doing, pushing boundaries in a supportive environment and having a genuinely good time while building something meaningful. If you enjoy collaborating with talented peers, staying curious about what's next in tech, and want a community where growth and fun go hand-in-hand, Ember is where you belong.



GARIMA SHARDA



APPLICATION PROCEDURE



23/02- 08/03: REACH OUT TO THE TEAM

GET TO KNOW OUR LEADERSHIP TEAM

Use this period to reach out to our current leadership team to learn more about their experience at Emergent. So don't be shy, shoot us an email or reach out to us over Instagram or LinkedIn!

23/02 APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN

INTERESTED IN EMERGENT?

If you have an idea on what role you want to fulfil next year. Be the first to apply through our [application form](#) and we will conduct an interview with you!



08/03: APPLICATION DEADLINE

WHAT WE ASK FROM YOU

- Why would you like to join Emergent?
- Which roles are you interested in?
- Contact information

09/03 - 13/03: CONDUCT INTERVIEWS

THE INTERVIEW PROCESS

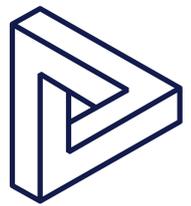
The interview consists of multiple parts. We will first introduce ourselves and get to know you better. Afterwards, we will ask some function-specific questions based on the functions you were interested in.



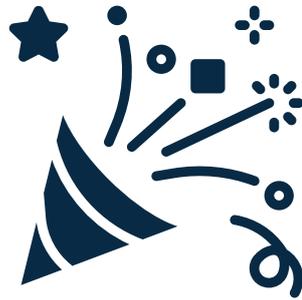
BEGINNING OF APRIL: DECISIONS

LEADERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

Congratulations! You will receive a call from us with the function we picked for you. We will also give you some more information about the onboarding.



TIMELINE AFTER JOINING



APRIL & MAY: ONBOARDING

KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER + MEETINGS

During the month of April and May, you will go through an onboarding process to get you settled in and learn how we work. We will teach you the Emergent Way through various trainings, to ensure that you can excel in your role. This might include you partially taking over some responsibilities of the current team already.



END OF SEPTEMBER: KICKING OFF

YOUR YEAR STARTS HERE!

Having settled in to your role, your hard work is starting to pay off! We start the year off by going on a teambuilding weekend, then when the academic year starts, our kick-off event introduces people to the Emergent Community for the first time! Later in the semester, the full force of Emergent comes together to organize our flagship event: the Data 4 Good Challenge.

END OF APRIL - WELCOME PARTY

GET TO KNOW THE TEAM!

Kick off the new journey by meeting your fellow board members, as well as the current Emergencers at the Welcome Party!



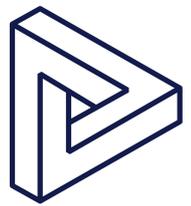
JULY, AUGUST & SEPTEMBER: PREP WORK

PLANNING & CONNECTING

You will prepare the first semester's events, projects and campaigns, and lock down some key partnerships while continuing to learn by doing. Don't worry! It's possible to combine this with a summer internship, student job or resit exams.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



DO I NEED TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE TO BE PART OF EMERGENT?

No, we don't expect you to have technical knowledge in the field of DS & AI, general interest in the subject is all we are looking for.

CAN I BE MEMBER OF EMERGENT AND GO ON EXCHANGE?

Yes this is possible, we will still expect you to be as engaged/responsible as you would have been if you would have joined an organization staying in Belgium.

DO I HAVE OPPORTUNITIES TO TALK WITH PARTNERS IF I AM NOT IN PR?

Yes, all Emergent members have the chance to talk to partners of our events if they wish to. In fact in almost any function u get in touch with some of our partners/alumni or even initialize the conversation.

CAN I BE MEMBER OF SEVERAL TEAMS?

You will be appointed to one team, however we use dynamic "task forces" for specific events/activities which are composed of people from different teams that volunteer to help. so as a member of team people you could also be involved in organizing an event/talk or two.

WHICH POSITIONS ARE GOING TO BE FILLED WITH INTERNAL CANDIDATES?

There are no reserved positions. All internal candidates go through the same application process as you. Hence, you should apply for the position(s) you really want, not the position you think you will get.

WHERE CAN I GO FOR QUESTIONS?

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JOIN US AND BUILD SOMETHING AMAZING!

Over the past decade, more than 150 students have taken a seat on the Emergent board, expanding their networks, developing valuable skills, and building friendships that last a lifetime. Join the next generation and make your mark with Emergent!

Apply here!



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