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You will find members of the UG community all over the world. Some have left Groningen, but others have stayed on. What do they like about Groningen and what do they enjoy doing here? UG staff and alumni give you their tips.

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My main job is to manage Ben Feringa’s diary. I act as a kind of buffer because of the many requests that come in. The aim is to allocate his time logically and efficiently. I also try to support him as best I can across all areas so that he can focus on his research. On top of that, I function as a kind of back-up memory. Ben has various executive duties and he travels a lot so it’s never a dull moment! He has a large research group and there’s a great atmosphere here. Despite it being so hectic, it’s an honour and a pleasure for me to work for him.

I LIKE

My favourite place in the province of Groningen is the fortified town of Bourtange. When I first went there as a child with my parents, it was love at first sight. It really is like stepping into history when you go through the gate in the town wall. I still remember thinking ‘this is where I want to live when I grow up!’ I still haven’t given up on that dream. Perhaps it will happen one day... And there are always nice things to do in Bourtange so I always check out www.bourtange.nl.