

Thomas Mensink

Research Scientist Computer Vision & Machine Learning

Current Position

since 2019 **Research Scientist**, *Google DeepMind*, Amsterdam
since 2024 Google DeepMind - Frontier AI
2019-2024 Google Research - Perception

Education

2009–2012 **PhD Computer Vision and Machine Learning**, *University of Grenoble, France*
Learning Image Classification and Retrieval Models (**AFRIF best thesis award**)
Advisors: Jakob Verbeek, Gabriela Csurka and Cordelia Schmid

2004–2007 **MSc Artificial Intelligence**, *University of Amsterdam, with honours*

2001–2004 **BSc Artificial Intelligence**, *University of Amsterdam*

Academic Experience

2019 – 2022 **Guest Researcher**, *Computer Vision Group, University of Amsterdam*

2017 – 2019 **Assistant Professor**, *Computer Vision Group, University of Amsterdam*

2016 **Visiting Researcher**, *University of California, Berkeley*, 3months, with Trevor Darrell

2013 – 2017 **Postdoc**, *University of Amsterdam*, advised by Cees Snoek
Funded in part by personal NWO VENI grant (2015)

2012 – 2013 **Postdoc**, *University of Amsterdam*, advised by Theo Gevers

2011 **Visiting Researcher**, *NICTA, Canberra*, 3 months, with Tiberio Caetano

2009 **Intern**, *LEAR, INRIA Grenoble*, 6 months, with Jakob Verbeek and Cordelia Schmid

2008 **Intern**, *SNN, Radboud University*, 6 months, with Bert Kappen

2007 – 2008 **Intern**, *LEAR, INRIA Grenoble*, 6 months, with Jakob Verbeek
Funded by VSBfonds grant (2007)

2005 **Summer Intern: IBM Extreme blue**, *IBM Amsterdam*

Selected Awards & Grants

2020 **Koenderink test-of-time award ECCV**, with Florent Perronnin and Jorge Sánchez:
Improving the Fisher Kernel for Large-Scale Image Classification, ECCV 2010

2016 **Best paper award ICMR**, with Svetlana and Cees for Pooling Objects

2015 **NWO VENI Award**, for highly promising young scientists

2014 **Best paper ACM Multimedia**, For VideoStory, with Amir and Cees

2013 **AFRIF Prix de thèse**, for best Phd thesis in computer vision in France

2007 **VSBFonds grant**, applicant, 5K€, funded INRIA research internship