Tips for writing your own biography

For the personal profile page for researchers we use a template for the biography, containing a Quote, Research Profile and Academic Background.
Feel free to use our suggestions in this document for writing your own bio, which you can upload to your profile in Pure.

Suggestions for writing your biography
In order to ensure some consistency in structure and writing style of the biographies, we would like to share some points of attention with you:
- We write in third person in American English
- We use international names for positions: Full Professor, Associate Professor, Assistant Professor, Doctoral Candidate, etc.
- We don’t use the ‘Dutch’ titulature, for example prof.dr.ir. because this is not internationally known
- We use first and last names for a personal touch
- Please use ‘Eindhoven University of Technology (TU/e)’ once in your biography
- That also applies to the name of your research group/institute/center etc.

Quote
The quote will be shown in the header of your personal webpage. This one-liner represents your passion, dream, drive, ambition, etc. > maximum length quote: 30 words.

Some examples:
“*My dream is that at one point in time we will understand so much about how molecules work together, that we can make the simplest form of life in a laboratory.*”

“*Good design means that an interactive smart system not only does what it is supposed to do, but also allows its users to integrate it seamlessly into their everyday life.*”

“*To quote esteemed statistician Vladimir Vapnik: ‘Nothing is more practical than a good theory!’*”

“*A fascinating aspect of my work is manipulating quantum properties of materials at nano-scale, opening up new worlds, and testing and developing theories put forward a century ago.*”

Research Profile and Academic Background
These 2 paragraphs describe the research field or topics you are working on, the group(s)/institute(s)/project(s) you are involved in, your educational background and some of your career steps/highlights.
Please make sure that keywords people will use for searching on internet for your research field or topics, are integrated in the text. > maximum length for each paragraph: 150 words.

Need some inspiration?
Have a look at already published pages of your colleague researchers on the new research website.

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