

Tom Van Daele

EDUCATION

2009-2013	PhD in Psychology, KU Leuven.
2006-2009	Master in Clinical Psychology, KU Leuven
2004-2009	Bachelor in Psychology, KU Leuven

EMPLOYMENT

2025-present	Honorary Professor, Queen's University Belfast, UK
2016-present	Research coordinator of Psychology and technology, Thomas More University of Applied Sciences, BE
2015-present	Research Fellow, KU Leuven, BE
2014-present	Freelance consultancy
2020-2025	Visiting scholar, Queen's University Belfast, UK
2013-2016	Researcher - Lecturer, Thomas More University of Applied Sciences, BE
2009-2013	Researcher, Policy Research Centre on Welfare, Health & Family, KU Leuven, BE

INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSABILITIES

2025-present	Editorial Board Member of Internet Interventions
2021-present	Associate Editor for Specialty section Digital Mental Health, a part of Frontiers in Digital Health & Frontiers in Psychiatry
2016-present	Research coordinator of Psychology and technology, TM

MEMBERSHIP

2019-present	Visa holder clinical psychologist in Belgium
2012-present	Registered psychologist in Belgium
2024-present	Member of the fund steering committee of the <u>King Baudouin Foundation Fund for mental health research</u>
2021-present	Active expert and past chair for the project group on technology in mental healthcare for the <u>Superior Health Council of Belgium</u>
2020-present	Member of the Telemedicine Working Group of the <u>Belgian National Institute for Health and Disability Insurance</u>
2020-present	Member of the <u>Center for Research on Experience sampling and Ambulatory methods Leuven</u>
2018-present	Founding member of the <u>Network Online Care Flanders</u>
2017-present	European Federation of Psychologists' Associations (EFPA) <u>Member of the Standing Committee Psychology in Health (2023 - current)</u> <u>Convenor of the Project Group on eHealth (2019 - 2023)</u> <u>Convenor of the Task Force on eHealth (2017 - 2019)</u> <u>Member of the Task Force on eHealth (2016 - 2017)</u>
2011-present	Member of the <u>Flemish Association for Clinical Psychologists</u>
2008-present	Member of the <u>European Society for Research on Internet Interventions</u>
2013-2020	Effective committee member of the <u>Registration commission for psychologists in Belgium</u>

HONOURS and AWARDS

2020 PsychSolutions Finalist
awarded by the American Psychological Association

2020 Yearly Prize Science Communication
awarded by the Royal Flemish Academy of Belgium
for Science and the Arts

PUBLICATIONS

[Google scholar profile](#)

Number of articles in international peer-reviewed journals: 48

Times cited, h-index & i10-index: 2557- 22 - 35

FUNDING

Tom's work has obtained over 6.5M euro of competitive funding, of which 900k as PI, mainly focusing on translational research, including 8 Technology Transfer projects (primarily on wearables and virtual reality in healthcare) from the Flanders Innovation & Entrepreneurship, 2 Interreg projects on digital mental health dissemination and 2 KU Leuven internal funds on website and app development within the mental healthcare domain.

EXPERTISE

Tom Van Daele focuses on translating existing insights and tools from theory to practice-oriented applications and services, primarily in the field of digital mental health. He coordinates the Psychology and technology research line, which is a part of the Expertise Centre Care and Well-being at Thomas More University of Applied Sciences. The conducted research is predominantly practice-oriented, combines both quantitative and qualitative research methods, and works most of the time multidisciplinary: both with technical profiles (e.g., engineers, computers scientists, media & entertainment professionals), as well as with professionals with a background in (health)care (e.g., psychotherapists, psychiatrists, occupational therapists, nurses).

Through both national and international collaborations, Tom has built up extensive expertise on the evidence-based use of technologies such as websites, apps, wearables, and extended reality to strengthen mental health(care). He facilitates organizations with the integration and implementation of these technologies within their services, educates students and therapists on their use, and advises policy makers on how to accommodate to healthcare system to accommodate these innovations. As a result, has given over 150 invited presentations on these topics. His practice-oriented focus is also supplemented with more basic research, through his positions at both KU Leuven and Queen's University Belfast. At KU Leuven, he is currently a research fellow at the [Research Group of Clinical Psychology](#). At Queen's University Belfast he is a visiting scholar and member of TIME, the [Centre For Technological Innovation, Mental Health And Education](#).