



## Weizmann - CNRS (Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique) Collaboration Program

### Scientific Areas

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The CNRS and Weizmann Institute (WIS) are launching a joint call for proposals between the two institutes in order to develop cooperation in new promising themes. This call is **open to all research areas**.

**The joint call is intended to fund 3 years of a PhD fellowship and travel.**

### *Eligibility*

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- Senior Scientists or higher rank (Weizmann); Researchers working in a CNRS unit holding an accreditation to supervise PhD students (HDR)
- A PI cannot submit more than one application in the framework of this call.

### *Collaborative research*

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#### **Required.**

Each selected project is a collaborative project. It must therefore involve one PI from the Weizmann Institute and one PI from CNRS, each of these PIs being responsible for choosing a PhD student (one for WIS and one for the CNRS) who will receive the funding.

PIs who do not yet have a collaborator in the other institution may consult the CNRS website or the Weizmann Institute website to find information on the ongoing research groups and projects carried out in either institute and contact relevant partners.

### *Funding*

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Each selected joint project will be funded at the level of one PhD fellowship in each country. Additional funding is also intended to be made available by each institute in order to cover mobility costs (workshop participation, visits to France and Israel for the PI and PhD student - up to 5 000 € per institution per year).

### Support period

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3 years

### Number of awards

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Five to ten Feinberg students are expected to be funded by the WIS and five to ten CNRS students are expected to be funded by CNRS.

### Call circulation date

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4 November 2021

Submission date

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20 January 2022

Notification date

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March 2022

Evaluation

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Proposals will be evaluated and ranked by a Weizmann-CNRS committee according to the following criteria:

- Scientific quality & originality of the project
- Scientific merit of the teams
- Synergy between the teams

The proposals must also include an outlined plan for raising external competitive funding (e.g. EU collaborative grants, national research agency grants, etc.).

Mode of application

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WIS applicants should submit in electronic format (Microsoft Word or Adobe PDF) via email to the RGP ([yael.karhash@weizmann.ac.il](mailto:yael.karhash@weizmann.ac.il)); CNRS applicants should submit the same file via the dedicated Website: <https://www.cooperation.cnrs.fr>

The joint proposal must consist of the following parts, in one single file (up to 5 pages, not including references, scientific quality of the teams and short CVs):

PART A: Title Page

Title of the proposal, key words, names of the Principal Investigators, laboratory/department names and number (if applicable) and their contact addresses, telephones, and e-mails. Please supply the names of the PhD students, along with their contact details, if already chosen. Please specify on the Title Page of the application "This application is submitted for consideration within the Weizmann - CNRS Collaboration Program".

PART B: Description of the scientific project

State of the art of the research area, description of the scientific project and its interest, historical context of application (if applicable), quality and originality of the project, objectives, scientific methodology, expected results and their meaning, future perspectives. Explain the added benefit of the PhD fellowships in the project. Explain the relation between the project and the research themes of the laboratories.

PART C: Added benefit of the international cooperation

Describe the added benefit of the international cooperation to fulfill the aims of the project (explain why the project cannot be carried out at a national level only). Describe the expected

benefits for the French and Israeli teams. Describe the balance between the contributions of the French and Israeli teams.

**PART D: Planned activities**

Describe the planned activities in the framework of the project and provide a timetable. Explain how these activities will help achieve the aims of the project.

**PART E: Budget**

Proposed budget including a breakdown of the division of funds, separated into distinct budgets for CNRS and WIS (approved by the WIS Finance division). The budget section regarding travel should contain explicit line items for travel of the PhD student.

**PART F: Perspective & external funding**

Outline the proposed plan for raising external competitive funding (e.g. EU collaborative grants, national research agency grants, etc.)

**PART G: Scientific quality of the teams**

Please attach in annex a list of complete citations of no more than 10 publications related to the project for each team. This list is not taken into account for the page limit. Authors from the respective laboratories must be clearly indicated on the author lists with superscript or parenthesized letters corresponding to the respective countries, for example Dupont JP (FR)...

**PART H: Short curriculum vitae**

**PART I: Ethics**

Does the project raise ethical questions? If yes, please describe them and how they are dealt with.

**Salaries and Wages**

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PhD fellowship only.

**General research areas**

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All disciplines covered both by CNRS & WIS