University of Copenhagen – CNRS PhD joint programme

Interested in research cooperation with the University of Copenhagen (UCPH)? A new PhD student exchange programme is being launched by UCPH and CNRS with a joint call for collaborative scientific activities within the framework of a joint research agenda.

About the call

This call invites Principal Investigators (PI) at UCPH and CNRS to jointly put forward collaborative scientific activities within the framework of a joint reseach agenda materialized by joint research projects to be underpinned by up to five PhD students at UCPH and up to five PhD students at CNRS, which includes joint supervision plans and a built-in mobility programme.

The 'built-in-mobility' scheme is a cornerstone of the programme and is understood as planned exchange periods of the involved PhD students at the partner institution in question, during which the PhD candidate will visit and work with the co-supervisor for a shorter or longer period. There is no set requirements as to the duration of the exchanges. The mobility can be divided into several periods, e.g. three periods each with a duration of two months.

The programme aims to enable PhD students to participate in research training at the partner institution, not to pursue a jointly awarded degree from the participating institutions.

Scientific Areas
The programme is open to all scientific areas covered by UCPH and CNRS.

Call guidelines

Eligibility
- Scientists from the University of Copenhagen; 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.

There must be one PI from the University of Copenhagen and one PI from CNRS. Those who do not already have a collaborator may consult the University of Copenhagen website or the CNRS website to find information on the research groups and projects being carried out in either institution.

Funding
Each selected project will be allocated two PhD students (one at CNRS and one at University of Copenhagen).

At CNRS the funding will be for a three-year studentship. Additional funds will cover mobility costs for visits to Danemark for the PIs and the PhD students.

At UCPH, the PI must have secured funding for a three-year studentship and obtained approval to commit a studentship from their Head of Department/Centre Director in order to apply. Mobility costs associated

to the project will be allocated by UCPH Rector's Office to up to five successful applicants (up to 100.000 DKK each). Examples of mobility costs:

- Travel and accommodation for the PhD student (transport to France and e.g. assistance with double rent)
- Networking activities in DK and France (e.g. workshops and physical meetings with the parties involved).

Number of awards
Up to five projects are expected to be funded jointly by University of Copenhagen and CNRS.

Deadline and start dates
Open date: December 13th, 2021
Closing date: March 4th, 2022
Notification date: Week of April 11th, 2022
Beginning of the projects: October 2022

Evaluation
Proposals will be evaluated and ranked by a University of Copenhagen-CNRS committee according to the following criteria:

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

Furthermore, the committee shall attend to diversification among awarded projects.

How to apply
Applicants from the University of Copenhagen should submit in electronic format to Research & Innovation inno@adm.ku.dk; CNRS applicants should submit the same file via the dedicated Website: https://www.cooperation.cnrs.fr

Contacts

If you don't already have a collaborator at UCPH, you may consult the UCPH website to find information on the research groups and projects being carried out. You are also welcome to contact as well:

UCPH:
- Head of Research Support Section Cecilie Ydemann Hansen, University of Copenhagen, Faculty of health and Medical Sciences at cecilie.ydemann@sund.ku.dk
- Special Adviser Mie Morthorst, University of Copenhagen, Faculty of Humanities at mie.morthorst@hum.ku.dk
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CNRS:
- Deputy Director for bilateral Europe, Europe of Research and International Cooperation Department (DERCI), CNRS, Chantal Khan-Malek at chantal.khan-malek@cnrs-dir.fr
- Project Officer for Bilateral Europe, DERCI, CNRS, Gulnara Le Torrivellec at gulnara.letorrivellec@cnrs-dir.fr

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APPLICATION FORM</h1>

This form must be completed using 10pt Arial font. Margins must not be adjusted. Where the form has been adjusted or incorrect font used, the proposal will be returned to the applicant without further assessment.

The joint proposal must consist of the following parts, in one single file (up to 5 pages, not including references – part I & J):

A.   Title Page

Name of UPCH Principal Investigator	Department
Current position *(Note that applicants must be permanent members of academic staff)*	

Name of UPCH Co-investigator (if relevant)	Department
Current position	**Institution**

(duplicate co-investigator section as necessary)

Partner details

Name of CNRS Principal Investigator	Laboratory
Current position	**Email address**

(duplicate CNRS partner section as necessary)

B.   Lay description of the scientific project

Title
Guidance: lay (accessible to the public) description of the scientific project and its contribution to a research area, 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 value of the PhD fellowships in the project. Explain the relation between the project and the research themes of the research environment/ laboratory.

C.   Added-value of the international cooperation

Guidance: Describe the added-value of the international cooperation to fulfil the aims of the project (explain why the project cannot be carried out at a national level only). Describe the expected benefits for the Danish and French teams. Describe the balance between the contributions of the Danish and French teams.

D.   Plan for engaging PhD students in the research and for managing joint supervision

Guidance: Describe how PhD students be engaged in the research project. How will joint supervision be managed?

E. Planned activities

Guidance: Describe the planned activities in the framework of the joint project and provide a timetable. Explain how these activities will help achieve the aims of the project. This part should include explicit lines regarding the planned travel of the PIs & the PhD students to the other country.

F. External Funding

Guidance: Outline the proposed plan for raising external competitive funding.

G. Ethics

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

H. Benefits to researcher based on her/his career stage

Guidance: Please describe how involvement in this collaborative project would benefit you, given your stage of career?

I. Scientific quality of the two PIs (short curriculum vitae)

Guidance: Please attach in annex a full list of peer reviewed publications for the last five year for each PI (This list is not taken into account for the page limit.)

J. Approval from Head of Department, Director of Programme, or other relevant authorised person

Guidance: UPCH PIs must provide an email approval from their director, head of department or other relevant authorised person to show support for their application to this programme.