



Epigenetics and Cell Fate Centre

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Call for new Research Group Leader

The CNRS is launching a call for applications for a Junior Professor Chair (Chaire de Professeur Junior, CPJ) entitled “Epigenetics of Cellular Fate (EpiDeC)”, hosted at our Centre.

The position is offered as a tenure-track appointment in the French academic research system, with a fixed-term contract of 3 to 6 years. Following a positive evaluation of the candidate’s scientific achievements and professional accomplishments, the successful applicant will be eligible for tenure as a CNRS Research Director (permanent position).

The successful candidate is expected to develop an ambitious research program addressing the fundamental mechanisms governing cell fate decisions through an integrative approach combining epigenomics, quantitative cell biology, and advanced human in vitro models, including stem cells, organoids, and blastoids.

The [Epigenetics and Cell Fate Centre](#) hosts 7 teams and is internationally recognized for its pioneering work on the epigenetic mechanisms that control the establishment, maintenance, and plasticity of cell fate. The lab offers complementary expertise in chromatin biology and gene regulation, including DNA methylation, histone modifications, epigenome maintenance, epigenetic memory, and the mechanisms by which environmental cues shape gene regulation and cellular identity.

The chair holder will benefit from an outstanding scientific environment, including access to state-of-the-art multi-omics, vectorology, imaging facilities and innovative three-dimensional developmental models. Extensive opportunities for interdisciplinary collaborations and access to cutting-edge shared technological infrastructures are available both within the laboratory and across the vibrant Paris research ecosystem. In partnership with [Université Paris Cité](#), the chair holder will contribute to graduate-level teaching and training programs.

The position includes a 200 k€ start-up package is provided through the ANR CPJ program, in addition to salary for the chair holder. The lab provides dedicated laboratory and office space, a fully equipped cell culture facility, essential basic lab equipment, -80°C and -150°C storage space, and free access to many in-house core facilities.

The application deadline will be in **early September 2026**. Further information regarding the position and application procedures can be found [here](#).

For any questions about the hosting department, please contact Dr Slimane Ait-Si-Ali (Director of EDC, slimane.ait-si-ali@cnrs.fr) or Pierre-Antoine Defossez (Deputy director of EDC, pierre-antoine.defossez@cnrs.fr).