

**Symposium « Frontier Science at the Interface of Physics and Biology
May 13-15, 2024**

**Collège Doctoral Européen
University of Strasbourg**

<https://www.hfsp-events.org/en/about>

Proof of concept “Interdisciplinary sabbatical@Unistra”

Context

The symposium is intended to be an innovative opportunity for international researchers of the highest calibre to meet and initiate partnerships with Strasbourg-based teams who are convinced of the power of the interdisciplinary approach. The University of Strasbourg has launched 15 Interdisciplinary Thematic Institutes (ITI) in 2021 <https://iti.unistra.fr>

Concept

As part of a pilot initiative (Proof of Concept, POC), the University of Strasbourg will support the hosting of 4 international researchers for sabbatical stays of 3 to 6 months*. These stays can involve either already established interdisciplinary duos, or individuals, all of whom are already selected speakers at the Symposium, to form interdisciplinary partnerships with local researchers. Interested applicants are asked to submit a detailed research proposal of not more than 4 pages by April 26, 2024

Selection process

The existing abstracts and the 4-page documents prepared by the candidates will be disseminated to the 15 ITI coordinating teams who will then express their interest in hosting either existing duos or individuals, based on the priority theme for their ITI.

ITI representatives will participate in the Symposium to engage and interact with the speakers, during the discussions following the scientific presentations and/or the coffee breaks and social events.

Following the May event, a joint committee comprising the symposium's scientific council and representatives from the University of Strasbourg will draw up a shortlist of laureates.

The various "match-making" options will then be assessed with further consideration of complimentary expertise and interest between the applicants and the local hosts. Final decision will be taken prior to October 2024; the sabbatical taking place during the 2024-2025 French academic year.

Support and Conditions

Researchers hosted in Strasbourg will hold the status of visiting scientist, under the current regulations of the host institution.

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The University of Strasbourg has earmarked interdisciplinary starting packages to support these collaborative scientific stays, including funds to support mobility and accommodation costs, as well as research operating funds. Salaries of the visiting scientists cannot be covered.