JUNIOR GROUP LEADER (M/F)
Genetics and Developmental Biology - UMR3215/U934

Host organization

Institut Curie, France's leading cancer center, comprises a state-of-the-art hospital specialized in cancer treatment and an internationally renowned multidisciplinary research center **combining research in cell biology, genetics, epigenetics, immunology, soft matter physics, organic chemistry, and medicinal chemistry**. It brings together more than 4,000 researchers, doctors, clinicians, technicians, and administrative staff across three sites: Paris, Orsay, and Saint-Cloud. The institute's facilities include an advanced imaging platform with a wide variety of high-end microscopes, from confocal to super-resolution imaging, imaging of living cells and small animals. Other facilities include **single-cell technologies, small molecule and CRISPR screening, high-throughput sequencing, bioinformatics, proteomics and mass spectrometry**, antibody technologies and protein purification, nano-SIMS, cytometry, and animal housing. In addition, the proximity to the hospital allows to access to large clinical databases and sample collections and an exceptional environment for pediatric oncology research.

Context

The Genetics and Developmental Biology unit (UMR3215/U934) at Institut Curie is recruiting a Junior Group Leader to develop an independent, ambitious and innovative research program that complements the unit's scientific expertise. Research conducted within UMR3215/U934 covers a broad range of **topics in developmental biology, including stem cells, tissue growth and morphogenesis, epigenetics, genomics, integrated physiology, metabolism and synthetic embryo models**. Particular attention will be given to projects aimed at improving the understanding of the mechanisms underlying development, homeostasis and regeneration, using animal models, organoids or other innovative experimental approaches.

The successful candidate will join a leading multidisciplinary and international scientific environment within the Institut Curie Research Center and Université PSL. They will benefit from laboratory space to host a team of 6 to 7 people, as well as a competitive start-up package including the initial salary of the Group Leader.

Candidate profile

Education and knowledge
Candidates must hold a PhD and have completed postdoctoral research experience.

Required skills
Candidates must demonstrate their ability to lead an independent, ambitious and innovative research program that fully integrates into the unit's scientific environment. Applications are encouraged across all areas of developmental biology and related disciplines, including stem cells, tissue growth and morphogenesis, epigenetics, genomics, metabolism, integrated physiology, synthetic embryo models, as well as mechanisms of homeostasis and regeneration. Candidates will be expected to actively contribute to the unit's collective scientific dynamics and to develop collaborations with teams at the Institut Curie Research Center.

All our opportunities are open to people with disabilities.

Contract information

Contract type: Fixed-term contract
Start date: end of 2027 - beginning of 2028

Duration: Up to 2 years, while securing a permanent position through CNRS, Inserm or the University
Working time: Full time
Salary: According to the applicable salary scales
Benefits: Staff restaurant, 70% coverage of the annual public transport pass, company health insurance
Location: 26 rue d'Ulm, 75005 Paris, France

Contact

To apply, please submit the following documents via the application website (https://jpi-recruitment-curie-umr3215-u934.curie.fr/): a cover letter, a full CV, a brief description of past achievements (1–2 pages), a detailed 5-year research program (5 pages), and the email addresses of 2–3 referees.

Publication date: October 6, 2026
Application deadline: 18 December 2026. Interviews are scheduled for 31 March and 1 April 2027.

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