



PARIS

CNRS



The Centre national de la recherche scientifique (CNRS, national center for scientific research) is a public research body that operates with oversight from the Ministry of Higher Education and Research. CNRS produces knowledge and applies that knowledge in the public interest. With more than 33,000 personnel, of whom 26,000 are permanent employees (11,600 scholars and scientists and 14,400 engineers, technicians, and administrative personnel), a budget in 2009 of euros 3.2 billion (of which euros 600 million from its own funds), and a presence throughout France, CNRS operates in all fields of knowledge through 1,130 research and research-support units. Many world-famous scholars and scientists have worked, at one time or another during their career, in CNRS laboratories. In fact, the center's long tradition of excellence includes 16 Nobel laureates and 9 Field medal winners.

#### ◆ MAIN PROGRAMMES OF STUDY

The principal multidisciplinary research organization in France, the CNRS supports research in every aspect of science and technology, covering the entire range of scientific fields, including mathematics, physics, information and communication technologies, nuclear and high-energy physics, earth and space sciences, chemistry, the life sciences, the humanities and social sciences, environmental sciences, and engineering.

#### ◆ RESEARCH

The CNRS has a presence in all major disciplines through 10 institutes, 3 of which are national in scope:

- Institute of chemistry (INC)
- Institute of ecology and the environment (INEE)
- Institute of physics (INP)
- National institute of nuclear and particle physics (IN2P3)
- Institute of biological sciences (INSB)
- Institute of human and social sciences (INSHS)

- National Institute of mathematical sciences and their interactions (INSMI)
- Institute of engineering and systems sciences (INSIS)
- Institute of information sciences and their interactions (INS2I)
- National institute of space sciences (INSU)

#### ◆ STRENGTHS

The CNRS emphasizes collaboration among specialists from various disciplines, particularly within the universities, thus opening new fields of investigation aimed at meeting economic and social needs. Interdisciplinary research projects are pursued on the following themes: the life sciences and social challenges: information, communication, and knowledge: environment, energy, and sustainable development: nanosciences, nanotechnologies, and materials: and astroparticles, the particles of the universe. The CNRS welcomes partnerships. Consider these figures:

- 1,130 research and support units, of which nearly 90% are mixed laboratories in partnership with 120 institutions of higher education and search(research), all in all more than 63 000 persons work in laboratories associated to the CNRS
- 3,400 patents held and 295 active licenses at the end of 2008: 1,700 industrial contracts signed that year
- 320 innovative companies formed since 1999
- 5,000 international researchers hosted each year in CNRS labs: 1,714 permanent employees from outside France: 85 cooperative agreements with 60 countries: 367 programs of international scientific cooperation: and 21 international joint-research units
- 25 UMIFRE in the field of the social sciences in partnership with the MAEE: 11 offices of the CNRS abroad: Santiago, Rio de Janeiro, Washington, Moscow, Peking, Hanoi, Tokyo, Delhi, Johannesburg Malta and Brussels.



#### IDENTITY FORM

##### ◆ Precise name of the institution

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##### ◆ Type of institution

The Centre national de la recherche scientifique (CNRS, national center for scientific research) is a public institution dedicated to scientific and technological research. It operates under the authority of the French minister of research.

##### ◆ City where the main campus is located

Paris

##### ◆ Number of students

- 24420 thésards / an 2460 post-doctorants / an

##### ◆ Percentage or number of international students

- 8 800 thésards étrangers / an (33%) 1 600 post-doctorants étrangers / an (46 %)

##### ◆ French language courses

Yes

##### ◆ Programs for international students

Yes

##### ◆ Programs in English

Yes

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