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DatAIA **International Mobility** Fellowship 2026–2027 Research & International Skills Experience

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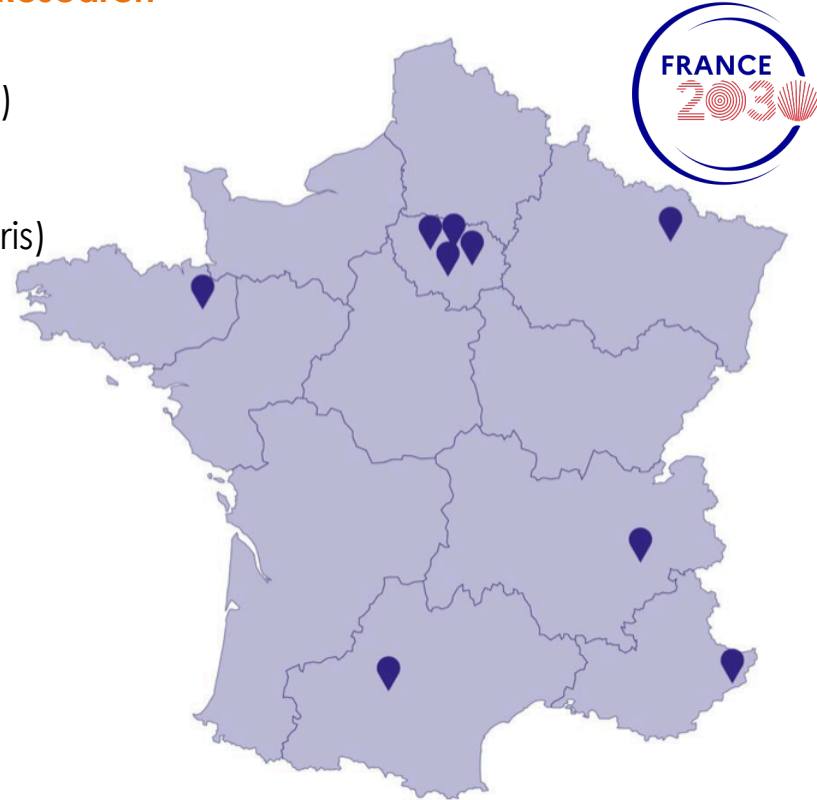
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The 9 French AI Clusters –Strengthening AI Training and Research

- PR[AI]RIE – PSAI (Université Paris Sciences et Lettres)
- PostGenAI@PARIS (Sorbonne Université)
- Hi! PARIS Cluster 2030 (Institut Polytechnique de Paris)
- **DATAIA-Cluster (Université Paris-Saclay)**
- MIAI Cluster (Université Grenoble Alpes)
- ANITI IA Cluster (Université de Toulouse)
- 3IA Côte d'Azur 2030 (Université Côte d'Azur)
- ENACT (Université de Lorraine)
- SequoIA (Université de Rennes)



Source: Elysée

DataIA Institute

Aggregate and structure the multidisciplinary expertise and amplify the collective power of **Paris-Saclay** partners, involved in **research**, **training** and **innovation in AI and data science**.

17 Founding Members



6 Associate Members



+46 Industrial Partners

- 19 major companies
- 27 SMEs

DataIA International Mobility Grants

Purpose of the Grants



- **Support international mobility** for top-performing students
 - Strengthen international experience in **AI and Data Science**
 - Promote collaborations with **strategic partner countries**

- **Objectives**
 - Foster global exposure
 - Encourage intercultural exchange
 - Build strong academic and research collaborations



DataIA International Mobility Grants

Eligible Programs — Tracks of Excellence in AI within the DATAIA Cluster



**CALL FOR INTERNATIONAL
MOBILITY SCHOLARSHIPS**

- **Masters** (excellence tracks)
 - Artificial Intelligence (AI) @ Orsay : M1 & M2
 - Data Knowledge and Hybrid AI (DKAI) @ Orsay : M1 & M2
 - DataScale @ Versailles : M1 & M2
 - IODAA (AMI2B) @ AgroParisTech : M2
 - Mathématiques and AI @ Orsay : M1 & M2
 - MVA (Mathematics, Vision, Learning) @ ENS Paris-Saclay : M2
 - TRIED (Information Processing and Data Exploitation) @ Orsay : M2

- **Bachelor Programs** (excellence/double-degree tracks)
 - Double Degree Computer Science & Life Sciences @ Versailles @ Evry : B2–B3
 - Double Degree Mathematics & Computer Science @ Orsay : B2, B3, Math Track, CS Track
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Not eligible

- Normaliens-élèves receiving remuneration due to their status as trainee civil servants
- AgroParisTech students outside the IODAA program
- CentraleSupélec students
- IOGS students
- Students receiving any other funding exceeding €1,500 per month (mobility scholarships, internship allowance, etc.)
- Students undertaking international mobility as part of a gap year
- International students wishing to undertake their internship in their country of origin
- Students who have already received a DataIA international internship scholarship during the same study cycle
- Engineering students undertaking a work-placement internship
- Engineering students or normaliens-étudiants who, as part of a double degree, are enrolled in a Master's program not accredited by Université Paris-Saclay

DataIA International Mobility Grants Funding Details



**CALL FOR INTERNATIONAL
MOBILITY SCHOLARSHIPS**

- **Approx. 30 grants available** (Period 2026-2027)
- **Amount:** €1,000 / month
- **Travel allowance:** €500
- **Cumulative funding allowed** (total cap: €2,500/month)
- **Duration:**
 - Master: 6 weeks – 6 months
 - Bachelor: 3 weeks – 4 months



DatalA International Mobility Grants Funding Details



CALL FOR INTERNATIONAL
MOBILITY SCHOLARSHIPS

Example (Allowed)

A student receives:

- **€1,000/month** from the **DatalA mobility grant**
- **€500/month** from an **Erasmus+ scholarship**
- **€250/month** from a **host laboratory internship allowance**

Total = €1,750/month ✓

This is **allowed**, since the total funding remains below the **€2,500/month cap**

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Example (Not Allowed)

A student receives:

- **€1,000/month** from the **DatalA mobility grant**
- **€500/month** from an **Erasmus+ scholarship**
- **€1,200/month** from a **host laboratory internship allowance**

Total = €2,700/month **×**

This **exceeds** the **€2,500/month cap**

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- **Search for opportunities.** Check platforms like Eugloh (www.eugloh.eu) for internships and research projects
- **Talk to your supervisors.** Your teachers can advise or connect you with labs or companies abroad
- **Take initiative.** Contact hosts directly
- **Consult the DataIA shared repository.** Offers and contacts collected by DataIA will be regularly updated in the shared deposit (Includes **internship proposals and potential supervisors** ready to host students)



<https://dataia.pages.lisn.upsaclay.fr/rise/>

International Collaborations



www.dataia.eu/en/partners/international-partners



- Visiting professors (~1 year)



Aapo Hyvarinen (Finlande)

Matthieu Jonckheere (Argentine)

Valderio Reisen (Brésil)

Ismail Ben Ayed (Canada)



DATAIA SEMINARS

As part of our scientific activities,
the Institute **organizes seminars**
throughout the year to discuss AI.



Aditya Mahajan
Univ. McGill (Canada)
& Visiting Professor



Johannes Brandstetter
Microsoft Research



Juliana Freire
Univ. New York



Frédéric Lemoine
Institut Pasteur



Elisabeth Bik
Univ. Stanford



Jonathan Niles Weed
Univ. New York



Yuejie Chi
Univ. Pittsburgh



Ulugbek Kamilov
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Enzo Ferrante
Conseil Nat. Rech.
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Master 2 (M2)

- **Deadline:** December 31, 2026
- **Results:** January 20, 2027

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2 Find a Project to Apply to

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Bachelor (L2-L3) & Master 1 (M1)

- **Deadline:** February 26, 2027
- **Results:** March 23, 2027

DataIA International Mobility Grants Selection Process

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Recommendation by Program Coordinators

- Coordinators review applications from their students
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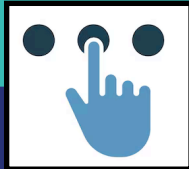


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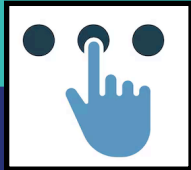


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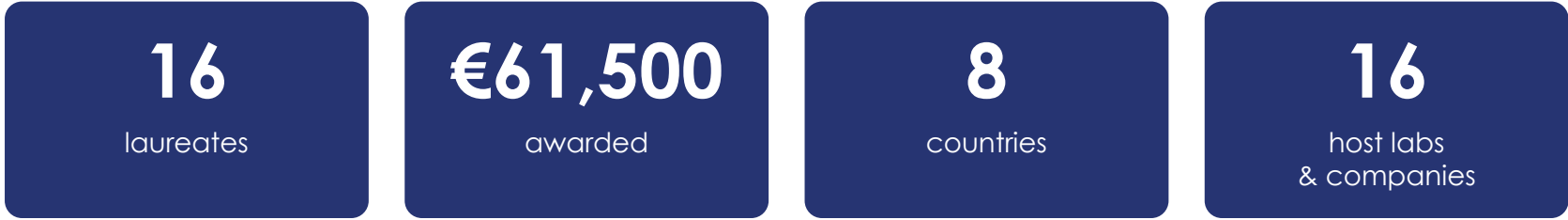
Final Decision by DataIA Steering Committee

- Committee reviews **consolidated rankings**
- Decides **final list of scholarship recipients**
- Students are **individually notified** of the outcome



DataIA International Mobility Fellowship 2025-2026

First Edition at a Glance

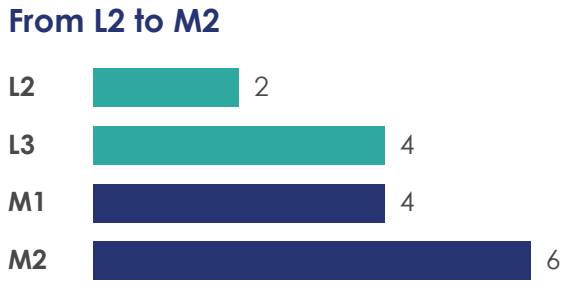


Wave 1 · January 2026

6 Master 2 students
4 to 6-month research internships

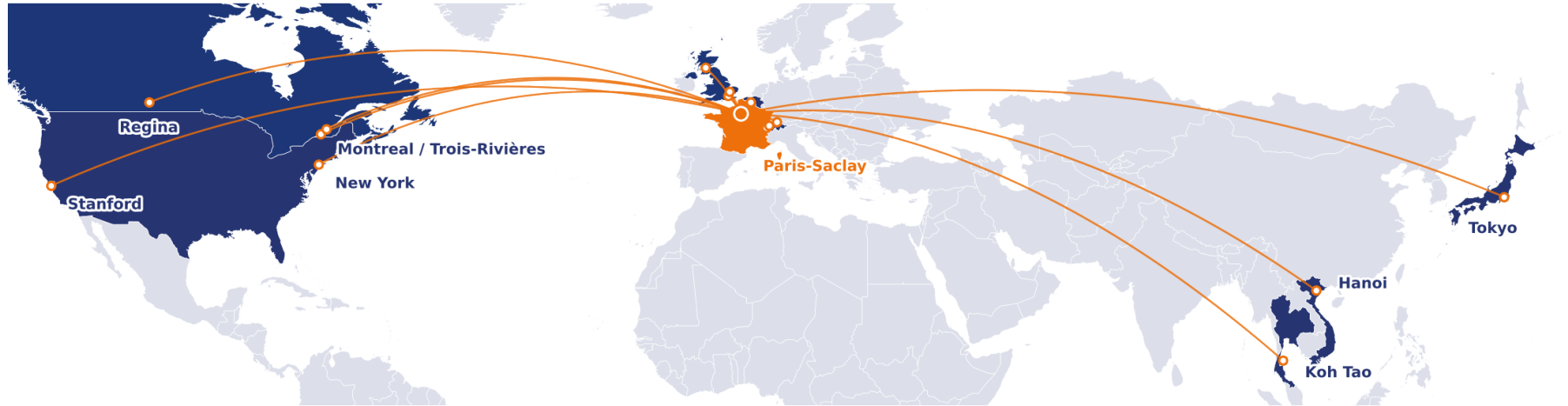
Wave 2 · March 2026

10 Bachelor (L2–L3) & Master 1 students
1 to 4-month internships



57 months of research abroad in total · stays from 1 to 6 months

DataIA International Mobility Fellowship Where Did They Go?



3 Canada

3 Switzerland

3 United Kingdom

2 USA

2 Japan

1 Belgium

1 Vietnam

1 Thailand

North America · Europe · Asia: 3 continents, from top universities to start-ups and NGOs

DataIA International Mobility Fellowship

16 Laureates, 16 Host Institutions

	Laureate	Host	Country
M2	Mouhssine Rifaki	NYU Tandon, EMERGE Lab	USA
M2	Louison Mocq	Stanford University	USA
M2	Shubha S. Samantaray	ETH Zürich, CAMLab	Switzerland
M2	Adj Marieme Sita Cissé	University of Regina	Canada
M2	Teyssir Aïssi	USTH, Hanoi	Vietnam
M2	Wenchong Pan	National Institute of Informatics	Japan
M1	Yena Chang	EPFL, LiGHT	Switzerland
M1	Julie Dornat	Multitel, Mons	Belgium

	Laureate	Host	Country
M1	Maxime Hayakawa Ivanovic	Riverfield Inc., Tokyo	Japan
M1	Juan Kenichi Sutan	UQTR, LI2A	Canada
L3	Hugo Bekrar	Imperial College London	UK
L3	Ouarda Hidouche	UQAM, LATECE	Canada
L3	Chloé Marcante	Global Reef, Koh Tao	Thailand
L3	Lou-Rose Vigreux	Univ. of Fribourg, AIDOS	Switzerland
L2	Deniz Demirer	University of Cambridge	UK
L2	Sacha Lamouroux	University of Glasgow	UK

DataIA International Mobility Fellowship Research at the Frontier of AI

Shubha · M2 ETH Zürich Diffusion-based "certificates of trust" estimating the error of AI predictions, scaled up to a weather foundation model	Wenchong · M2 NII, Tokyo Combining LLMs and knowledge graphs to turn cooking instructions into verifiable execution plans	Maxime · M1 Riverfield, Tokyo Real-time segmentation of sub-millimetre instruments for robot-assisted microsurgery	Julie · M1 Multitel, Belgium Diffusion models generating synthetic images for fine-grained vehicle classification
Juan Kenichi · M1 UQTR, Québec Does translation preserve sentiment? 46,623 EN-FR sentence pairs from Canadian federal budgets	Yena · M1 EPFL, Lausanne Training dynamics of deep neural networks after low-rank compression	Ouarda · L3 UQAM, Montréal Convergence guarantees for Tsetlin machines, an interpretable machine-learning model	Lou-Rose · L3 Univ. of Fribourg Topological data analysis: does the Euler Characteristic Transform detect convexity?

DataIA International Mobility Fellowship

Student Outputs: Publications & Dissemination

2 papers submitted
(AAAI 2027, Expert
Systems With Applications)

4 more papers
in preparation

1 PhD started in the
host lab (Univ. of Regina)

- **Adj Marieme Sita Cissé (M2, Univ. of Regina)** — paper on fairness-aware preference aggregation submitted to Expert Systems With Applications (Elsevier); now a PhD student in the same lab
- **Ouarda Hidouche (L3, UQAM)** — first-author paper on Tsetlin machines submitted to AAAI 2027, with her host supervisor
- **Hugo Bekrar (L3, Imperial College)** — paper soon on arXiv and in a journal, acknowledging DataIA support
- **Juan Kenichi Sutan (M1, UQTR)** — paper to be submitted; results presented to the Canada Revenue Agency's linguistic quality working group
- **Shubha Samantaray (M2, ETH Zürich)** — work being developed towards a publication
- **Julie Dornat (M1, Multitel)** — final report written as a research paper, intended for publication; 45-min talk in English to the AI department

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Highlight: From a DataIA Internship to a PhD



Adj Marieme Sita Cissé
M2 DataScale (UVSQ) → PhD, University of Regina

Jan. 2026

May–Oct. 2026

2026

Fall 2026

DataIA grant
Wave 1 laureate, Master 2 DataScale

Research internship
Constraint Processing Lab, Univ. of Regina (Canada), Prof. Malek Mouhoub

Paper submitted
Expert Systems With Applications (Elsevier)

PhD
Univ. of Regina, same lab and supervisor, continuing the internship work

AURORA

Summarizes user-preference graphs while preserving equity, diversity and inclusion by design, rather than correcting bias afterwards.

Tested on 5 real datasets: movies, online dating, teacher ratings, scientific publications.

“This experience confirmed my wish to pursue research on algorithmic fairness.”

— Adj Marieme Sita, now a PhD student

DataIA International Mobility Fellowship Beyond the Internship

Research vocations

- Adjji Marieme Sita (M2): PhD started at the University of Regina
- Lou-Rose (L3): wants to pursue research in mathematics
- Julie (M1): now considering a PhD, discussed with host researchers
- Ouarda (L3): experienced PhD life day to day alongside doctoral students

Lasting links

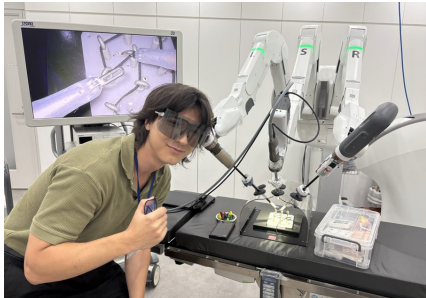
- Shubha keeps producing results with ETH's CAMLab after the internship
- Juan Kenichi built connections across Québec and with the Canada Revenue Agency
- Co-authored papers with host supervisors
- DataIA grant combined with other schemes (e.g. Mitacs Globalink)

"Without this scholarship this internship would not have happened."
 — Shubha, M2, ETH Zürich

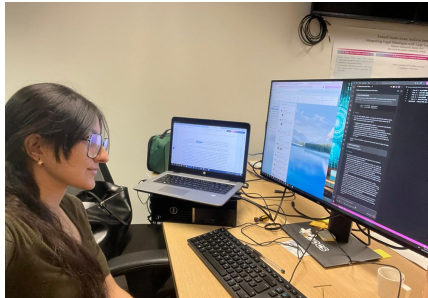
"From understanding a paper to producing an original result."
 — Ouarda, L3, UQAM

"This experience definitively reinforced my desire to pursue research."
 — Lou-Rose, L3, Fribourg

DataIA International Mobility Fellowship Life in the Labs... and Beyond



Maxime · Riverfield, Tokyo



Ouarda · LATECE, UQAM



Shubha · ETH Zürich



Wenchong · Tokyo



Julie · Multitel, Mons



Adji Marieme Sita · Univ. of Regina



Juan Kenichi · UQTR, Québec

16
stories,
8 countries

DataIA International Mobility Fellowship

What the First Edition Taught Us

Excellence at every level

Research outputs from L3 students, not only Masters

Any destination

Universities, research institutes, start-ups and NGOs on 3 continents

Combine your funding

RISE Fellowship + Erasmus+, Mitacs or host allowance, within the cap

Share your story

Report and testimonial at the end, to inspire the next laureates

Your turn! RISE Fellowship 2026–2027

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