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INSTITUTE  
**DATAIA**  
Data Science, Intelligence & Society

# The Institute of Artificial Intelligence at Paris- Saclay University

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# 1- DATAIA Institute

## DATAIA Institute

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

### 17 Founding Members



### 6 Associate Members



### +46 Industrial Partners

- 19 major companies
- 27 SMEs

## Key Figures

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**Ranked 12th**  
**worldwide**, 1st in  
continental Europe

**+6,500 publications**  
between 2018  
and 2022

**47** laboratories

**+800** permanents  
researchers

**450** PhD students  
*(incl. 170 internationals)*

**10 AI Chairs** out of the 40  
AI Chairs selected  
nationally by the ANR

**25 research projects**  
(multi-partner)  
launched since 2018

2022



**SACLAI - SCHOOL**

AI training  
program

2023

DeMythif. AI

**COFUND** (PhD program)  
on uncertainty and AI  
(European funding)

**AI4IDF**

CfP Doctoral research in  
the Ile-de-France region

2024

**DATAIA-Cluster**

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## 2 - Our Calls


## Our Calls



### ANNUAL CALLS

The DATAIA Institute supports research in Data Science in the broadest sense (including computer science, mathematics, physical sciences, life sciences and the humanities and social sciences), through various annual calls for proposals.

- **Fellowships** (doctoral thesis, post-doctoral student)
- **Master 2 internships** (or equivalent), lasting 4-6 months
- **COFUND DeMythif.AI** (thesis program - European funding)
- **DIM AI4IDF** (doctoral research - regional funding)



### PERMANENT CALLS

The DATAIA Institute also stimulates research in its chosen fields, through calls open all the year.

- **Incoming and outgoing mobility** (national and international)
- **Visiting professors** in affiliated laboratories
- **Support** for workshops & conférences
- Organization of **Data Challenges**

## 3 - Scientific Animation



## Scientific Animation (1/2)



### Thematic Workshops

Organized and Supported by DATAIA

- Ferments du Futur
- Anomaly Detection
- Life Sciences & AI
- Mathematical foundations of AI
- AI & Environment

### Support for Events of Paris-Saclay AI Ecosystem

- 40 funded workshops
- 3 international data challenges & 11 academic data challenges
- 7 junior conferences
- 7 summer schools

## Scientific Animation (2/2)

### Organizing Data Challenges

Advancing research with an **open source**  
machine learning **training tool**



**Datcamp Paris-Saclay University /  
Institut Polytechnique de Paris**

Organized every year, it brings together  
around **120 students from the Master 2  
Computer Science program**

# 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**  
Univ. Washington



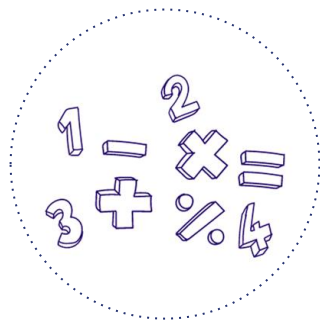
**Enzo Ferrante**  
Conseil Nat. Rech.  
CONICET (Argentina)



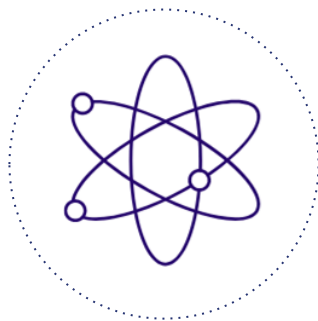
**Antoine Chambaz**  
Univ. Paris Cité

## 4 - DATAIA Cluster

## DATAIA-Cluster



**Mathematics  
& IA**



**Physics  
& IA**



**AI for Health**

### CROSS-FUNCTIONAL AREAS

- Data protection and ethics in AI
- Digital sobriety and reliability
- Data and resource management

## 3 SYNERGY CHAIRS

- AI for large-scale teaching and learning
- Pre-trained models for data frugality
- GenAI - Foundation models: From theory to applications

## DATAIA-Cluster : Main Research Actions and Calls

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Pre-assigned to Teams and Topics

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3. ATLAS – AI for Teaching and Learning (AI) at Scale

### MODULAR (JOINT) CHAIRS

Attributed through regular calls

Aligned with the Cluster's axes

- Mathematics & IA
- Physics & IA
- AI for Health

Funding per project: ~500k€

**Deadline Mid-October 2025**

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Dynamic, small, exploratory

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## 5 - SaclAI-School





- **Managed by**  *Sarah Cohen-Boulakia*
- **A Unique Ecosystem**  
*3 universities, 3 "Grandes Écoles"*  
*A continuing education center: CentraleSupélec Exed*  
*A foundation*
- **Winner of the France 2030 Call For Projects CMA IA**  
*11,4 M€ - 2022-2027*





# Objectives

1

## Massify Training in AI and Data Science

to meet **societal challenges**, while maintaining the **excellence** of graduates

*All levels (Bachelor's, Master's, PhD, Executive Education)*

*Several disciplines: core-IA, multi-disciplinary AI, acculturation*

2

## Helping Students

from high school through to job market

*Promoting gender diversity and parity*

3

## Develop Tools

(e.g. platforms) and **content** (MOOC, SPOC) at the interface between higher education, universities and grandes écoles, **to foster pedagogical innovation**

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## 6 - **PAI** (Industrial Affiliate Program)



## Research

### Joint action to support research

**Collective:** sharing experiences with academic and commercial experts

**Bilateral:** facilitating and increasing the development of qualified projects



## Recruitment

### Easy access to data for trainees and future scientists



## Training

### Guide and co-construction

**In-company courses** for faster skills development

**Tutorial to raise awareness** of AI issues



## Events

### Manages

Seminars, workshops, challenges



## Call for Proposals

### Support

to create complementary teams

## Scientific Achievements as part of Collaborations

### Visiting Professors

- **Aapo Hyvärinen** - University of Helsinki

Development of the concept of common component analysis (common independent component analysis and multi-view component analysis)

**MOA signed with FCAI (Finland Center for Artificial Intelligence)**

- **Ismaël Ben Ayed** - ETS Montréal

Research work on few shot learning, using neural foundation models.

Joint publication of articles at NeurIPS and CPVR  
Strengthened collaboration on new topics, such as optimization algorithms for adversarial attacks on neural networks used in segmentation.







### Industrial Collaborations

- **2 PhDs:** Survival causal inference (Inria Premedical), longitudinal data in causality (UEVE, IBISC)
- **4 Postdocs:** ML Medical & Omics data (UEVE, IBISC), Multiscale models prediction cardiac actions (AgroParisTech, MIA), NLP in clinical tests (CEA, Biomaps), Forecasting pharmacokinetics (UPSaclay, LMO)
- **1 internship:** LLM for biological sequence characterization (INRAE MaAGE)
- **1 Data Challenge project:** Cell painting protocol data
- **1 PhD:** Foundational models for 3D medical imaging (CS MICS – ILLS)
- **1 Internship:** Quality assessment in medical imaging (UEVE IBISC)
- **1 PhD:** Robustness and Conformal Predictions in ML (UEVE LaAMME)
- **1 Data Challenge project:** Climatology data and sustainability
- **1 seminar:** AI challenges in Insurance Expertise
- **1 intra- training:** Regulation data in AI
- **2 inter-trainings:** Generative AI, AI and environment

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## 7- Ecosystem

## DATAIA Institute Ecosystem



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