

PRESS RELEASE

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Inauguration of the Paris-Saclay Faculty of Medicine's new research building

The new research building at the Paris-Saclay Faculty of Medicine was inaugurated on Monday 5 December 2022 by Sylvie Retailleau, Minister of Higher Education and Research, Valérie Péresse, President of the Île-de-France Region, Olivier Capitanio, President of the department of Val de Marne, Estelle Iacona, President of Université Paris-Saclay, and Didier Samuel, Dean of the Paris-Saclay Faculty of Medicine.

A new building entirely dedicated to translational research has just opened on the Kremlin-Bicêtre campus on the outskirts of Paris, in the heart of the Bièvre Science Valley. The building will be closely linked to the technological platforms at Université Paris-Saclay, as well as Assistance Publique – Hôpitaux de Paris (AP-HP) and Gustave Roussy hospitals. It therefore offers the best conditions for teams to pursue the Paris-Saclay Faculty of Medicine's research excellence, in collaboration with national research organisations and various internationally renowned hospitals, thanks in particular to its 20th position worldwide in the 2022 Shanghai Global Ranking of Academic Subjects (Clinical Medicine) (1st in France).

The translational research conducted at the Paris-Saclay Faculty of Medicine acts as a link between the fundamental research undertaken in its laboratories and the clinical research carried out in hospital departments. It is based on four lines of research: Oncology; Immunology/Infectious Diseases/Transplantation/Inflammation; Neuroscience/Movement/Disability; Physiology/Physiopathology/Genetics - and three cross-cutting themes - Therapeutic Innovation; Imaging/Applied Physics in Medicine; and Population Health.

Located within the Bicêtre Hospital, the new research building allows the Paris-Saclay Faculty of Medicine to bring together scientific teams, share platforms (immunomonitoring, microscopy, imaging facilities, etc.) and welcome new research teams in a unique location and on modern premises. It is located in front of the historic Faculty building, to which it is connected by a square, a public pedestrian space and a place for the student community and staff to relax.

Designed by Pargade Architectes, the 6,960 m² research building is shaped like a polyhedron, with rounded corners which follow the contours of the dedicated space. It has two technical floors, a lower ground floor and an upper ground floor for meetings and scientific events, including a 300-seat auditorium. The building also has three levels of research laboratories, which will house the laboratories previously located in the historic building and the new teams selected after a [call for applications](#).

After being renovated and refurbished, the space freed up in the historic building will be dedicated to teaching, in particular the development of innovative educational activities.

The building was financed by the Île-de-France Region, the French government, the Val-de-Marne Departmental Council and Université Paris-Saclay.

ABOUT UNIVERSITÉ PARIS-SACLAY

Université Paris-Saclay was born from the shared ambition of French universities, *grandes écoles* and national research organisations. As a leading university in Europe and the world, it covers the fields of science and engineering, life sciences and health, and humanities and social sciences. The university's science policy closely intertwines research and innovation, incorporating both basic and applied science to tackle major societal challenges. Université Paris-Saclay offers a varied range of undergraduate to doctorate level degrees, including programmes with its *grandes écoles*, all of which are focused on achieving student success and employability. The university prepares students for an ever-changing world where the ability to think critically, remain agile and renew one's skills are crucial. Université Paris-Saclay also offers a comprehensive range of lifelong learning courses.

Located to the south of Paris, the university extends across a vast and rich local area. Its location strengthens both its international visibility and its close ties with its socio-economic partners (major companies, SMEs, start-ups, local authorities, charities). www.universite-paris-saclay.fr/en



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