

CentraleSupélec joins the “Safe Place for Science” initiative launched by Aix-Marseille Université

A seed fund of 3 million euros will be established to welcome researchers currently working in the United States, working on topics aligned with the school's strategic areas, and interested in coming to France.

CentraleSupélec applauds the “Safe Place for Science” program created by the University of Aix-Marseille (AMU) and will participate in the initiative by setting up a similar program through support from its Foundation, with the goal of preserving the freedom and independence of academic research.

A globally recognised institution of excellence for teaching and research in the fields of engineering and systems science, CentraleSupélec invites researchers currently working in the United States on topics related to the school's strategic areas, and interested in coming to France to apply to this program.

The program will be supported by a 3 million euros seed fund from the CentraleSupélec Foundation. It is intended to provide high-level scientists with a free and secure environment to conduct their research. Among other things, it will finance tenure track positions at both the professor and the assistant professor levels, as well as welcome packages and visiting chairs.

High-level scientists will thus be able to work alongside CentraleSupélec faculty, researchers and doctoral students, taking advantage of the resources and facilities of its 18 research units.

“At a time when the principles of objectivity and freedom of academic research are sometimes questioned, CentraleSupélec has decided to join the “Safe Place for Science” initiative launched by Aix-Marseille University. Our institution is recognised for its excellence in the fields of engineering, science and technology and offers prestigious academic programs that emphasize research, innovation and international collaboration. Its research actively promotes all the major transitions — environmental, energy, and digital — through contributions to the development of sustainable technologies, low carbon emission solutions, and innovations in the health sector. It is this dynamic that we offer our colleagues from across the Atlantic” declared Romain Soubeyran, director of CentraleSupélec.

About CentraleSupélec - www.centralesupelec.fr

CentraleSupélec is a public scientific institution born of the merger between Ecole Centrale Paris and Supélec in 2015. CentraleSupélec today comprises four campuses (Paris-Saclay, Metz, Rennes and Reims), hosting over 5400 students and 18 laboratories and research units. With its strong international orientation (25% of its students and almost a quarter of its faculty are international), CentraleSupélec has formed over 170 partnerships with leading institutions around the world. A prestigious institution of higher education and research, CentraleSupélec is a leader in the field of engineering and systems science. It was one of the founding institutions of Paris-Saclay University in

2020 and is the presiding member of the Groupe des Ecoles Centrales (CentraleSupélec, Centrale Lyon, Centrale Lille, Centrale Nantes, and Centrale Méditerranée), which operates international campuses in Beijing, China, Hyderabad, India, and Casablanca, Morocco.

About the CentraleSupélec Foundation- <https://www.fondation-centralesupelec.fr/>

The mission of the CentraleSupélec Foundation is, on the one hand, to promote the teaching and research activities of CentraleSupélec on the international stage and, on the other, to support students, teachers and researchers in the realisation, financing and development of their projects. The Foundation is one of the largest foundations in French higher education, comprising 7000 individual donors and over 100 company patrons, raising on average 8 million euros each year.

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