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Young scientific talents week

Sustainable agriculture, Biodiversity, Gardens

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Application Form



La Cité des sciences et de l'industrie (Paris, France)

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Universcience questions the world ahead

Universcience, the leading French public institution promoting scientific, technical and industrial culture in France, comprises the Palais de la découverte, the Cité des sciences et de l'industrie, leblob.fr, a scientific information online media, "Fablab à l'école", a cultural and scientific education programme covering the whole of France, and the organisation of the "Spring of critical thinking" and the "critical thinking barometer", activities to encourage critical thinking. Universcience's mission is to make science accessible to everyone, young and old, and to promote contemporary scientific, technical and industrial culture.

A public body of an industrial and commercial nature, under the dual supervision of the Ministries of Culture and Research, it welcomed nearly 1.9 million visitors in 2024.

The Universcience model is based on the presentation of permanent and temporary exhibitions, the organisation of events for the general public and the conduct of human mediation activities. Through its offer, Universcience strives to provide all audiences with the keys to understanding contemporary scientific issues and changes in our society. With its values of openness, universality and innovation, Universcience intends to play its role as an explorer of the future and a leader in the debates of our time.

The Cité des sciences et de l'industrie offers a permanent tour and temporary exhibitions, as well as a Cité des enfants, the leading facility for 2-12 year olds in France, which will be transformed in 2025-2026. Each year it presents six to eight new exhibitions. The vast majority of these original exhibitions are produced in-house, using innovative, interactive museography that appeals as much to the senses as to sight and sound. In order to guarantee the scientific rigour of the content, a scientific partnership of reference is established with a scientific institution for each of the exhibitions. In this way, Universcience maintains vital links with living research, ensuring the relevance of its message, and also enlists the help of companies in the industrial sector.

Human mediation is an essential component of Universcience's offer. Through a mix of experimentation and interactivity with the public, Universcience combines scientific rigour, spectacular experience and education. This approach, which favours live human interaction, brings science to life and makes it accessible, particularly to the youngest visitors.

More information can be found on www.universcience.fr.

Young scientific talent week on the theme of *Sustainable agriculture / biodiversity*

Universcience has been offering one of its flagship international cooperation programs, the “Residence for Young Scientific Talent”, since 2017. Four editions of this program in partnership with the French Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs have been launched, the first in 2017 for participants from all over the world without distinction, the second in 2018 to celebrate the Francophonie of science with French-speaking participants only, in partnership with the Organisation internationale de la Francophonie, the third in 2020-2021 for participants from the African continent as part of the Africa2020 Season, and the last, in December 2023, for the first time themed around the relationship between science and sport, called the Cultural Olympiad and organized in partnership with INSEP.

From October 11 to 17, 2025, Universcience will once again be bringing together a group of thirty to forty talented young scientists from all over the world who are committed to the dissemination and communication of scientific knowledge (in the basic, human and social sciences), to discuss the themes of sustainable agriculture and biodiversity, in connection with the Gardening exhibition (in scientific partnership with INRAE) to be presented at the Cité des sciences et de l'industrie from October 2025 to August 2026. The exhibition will focus on the science behind gardening, exploring a range of contemporary issues including food self-sufficiency, biodiversity preservation, shared third-place gardens, plant therapy, water management and more...

Participants may be researchers, academics or teachers, bloggers, science journalists, engineers, digital professionals, museologists... whose research focuses on agricultural or biodiversity issues, taken in a broad sense, whether in terms of performance, health or research in the human sciences. Candidates must have reached the age of majority in their country and be under 40.

In addition to academic qualities, the ability to communicate and popularize complex subjects is a priority selection criterion. The program will be held in French and English, and will be gender-balanced. It is aimed at young scientists from all regions of the world.

The young scientists will be welcomed at the Cité des sciences et de l'industrie and the Etincelles du Palais de la découverte for a discovery of the site and the establishment's know-how, including hands-on workshops and a presentation of their projects. They will be accompanied by the School for Science Facilitation, a multi-partner structure coordinated by Universcience, which offers ongoing training for professionals involved in the dissemination of knowledge.

In addition to Universcience venues, the young scientists will discover partner sites (scientific organizations, cultural institutions, research organizations, etc.), and take part in scientific mediation workshops. More generally, they will discuss the issues of innovation, inclusion, critical thinking and sustainable development, which are the pillars of Universcience's institutional project.

If you would like to take part in this program and meet other young people from around the world who share your interests, please complete the application form and return it by June, 11th 2025 to cientificafrancoarg@gmail.com

Universcience will be responsible for organising the programme, meals from the evening of 11 October to the evening of 16 October, and transport within Paris. The Embassies will be responsible for return air tickets, accommodation with breakfast (7 nights), any additional meals depending on departure and arrival times, and pick-up and drop-off transfers from and to the airport in Paris.

Only personal expenses will be at the participant's charge.

PERSONNAL DETAILS

Last name:

First name:

Gender:

Date of birth:

Address:

Zip code:

City:

Country:

Citizenship:

Phone number:

Email address:

Please attach:

⇒ Your CV

⇒ A portrait photo of yourself (please choose a professional photo suitable for the communication of the event)

LANGUAGE LEVEL

Your level of oral comprehension in French :

☐ Excellent/Native ☐ Very good ☐ Good ☐ Fairly good ☐ Basics ☐ Beginner

Your level of oral expression in French :

☐ Excellent/Native ☐ Very good ☐ Good ☐ Fairly good ☐ Basics ☐ Beginner

Your level of oral comprehension in English :

☐ Excellent/Native ☐ Very good ☐ Good ☐ Fairly good ☐ Basics ☐ Beginner

Your level of oral expression in English :

☐ Excellent/Native ☐ Very good ☐ Good ☐ Fairly good ☐ Basics ☐ Beginner

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND AND CURRENT STATUS

⇒ If you are a student:

University/Institution:

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Subjects studied:

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Title of the degree prepared:

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Intended career:

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⇒ If you are not a student anymore:

Last University/Institution:

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Last diploma:

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Current job:

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If you are currently writing or have already submitted a thesis, please tell us what it is about:

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EXPERIENCES ET MOTIVATIONS

1. Present your professional and/or associative experience.

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2. What are your professional or personal projects in the field of scientific mediation, education (transmission of knowledge) and innovation? How do they relate to sustainable agriculture or biodiversity ? Do not hesitate to attach any documents (articles, videos, internet links, etc.) to your application form.

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4. During the residency you will be asked to present your scientific project in just 3 minutes, in a concise and accessible manner. In a few lines, please tell us more about the project you are going to present:

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5. Explain your expectations for your participation in the young scientific talents week programme:

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COMMITMENT TO PARTICIPATE

If my application is successful, I undertake to participate in the young scientific talents week from 11 to 17 October in 2025 Paris, and preparatory video calls.

Signature of the applicant:

Date: .../.../ 2025

The information collected on this form is recorded in a file processed by Universcience, a public institution of the Palais de la découverte and the Cité des sciences et de l'industrie (EPPDCSI), head office: Palais de la découverte, avenue Franklin Delano Roosevelt 75008 Paris - Voice server: 01 40 05 80 00, to enable the selection of two foreign students in partnership with the Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs and the embassies involved. The legal basis for the processing is the performance of its public interest missions.

The data collected will be communicated only to the following recipients: Embassies involved, and the Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs. The data is kept for the duration of the selection of candidates, and deleted once the candidates have been selected.

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To exercise these rights or if you have any questions about the processing of your data under this scheme, you can contact Universcience on this matter by email: rgpd@universcience.fr. If, after contacting us, you feel that your 'Data Protection' rights have not been respected, you may submit a complaint to the CNIL (French Data Protection Authority).