The LabEX CeMEB launches a call for visiting scientists willing to join one of its member laboratories for short stays (2 to 3 months).

**Objectives**

Bring the expertise of outstanding international scientists to the CeMEB scientific community in one of the following fields:

- Dynamics of biodiversity, ecology and evolutive biology;
- Functional roles of biodiversity and ecosystemic services;
- Biological consequences of global changes
- Ecology engineering and ecosystem restoration;
- Biological consequences of global changes
- Health-environment relationships

The hosted scientist will join and participate in the research projects from the hosting laboratory. He (she) will give at least one seminar for the LabEX CeMEB.

**Candidates**

This funding opportunity applies to outstanding scientists or professors (more than 10 years experience), ideally foreigners, known and recognized for their scientific excellence in one of the key fields of the LabEX CeMEB (see [http://www.labex-cemeb.org/](http://www.labex-cemeb.org/)).

Candidates should not have resided or carried out his/her main activity (research, studies...) in France for more than 12 months in the 3 years immediately prior to the date of submission of the proposal.

Proposals must expose clearly the objectives of the visit and the predictable impact towards hosting local research teams (i.e. transfert of knowledge/skills to the CeMEB community, collaborative project engineering, joint response to calls...)

**Amount of funding and defrayal**

CeMEB funding covers the salary of the visiting scientist on the basis of Montpellier University scales (max. 3000 € net per month, level of experience being considered) as well as travel costs (flight or train) up to 1500 €.

NB: an employment contract will be established by Montpellier University upon request of the LabEX CeMEB. Administrative staff of the hosting research unit will take charge of scientific visa applications, in connection with Montpellier University.

For administrative reasons, the duration of the stay cannot exceed the duration of the employment contract. Therefore, traveling dates of the invited scientist must match the beginning/end dates of the employment contract. In case the invited scientist wishes to extend his/her stay for personal reasons beyond his/her “LabEX” contract, he/she will take care of applying for a touristic visa.
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Funding

CeMEB can fund up to two visits (total budget not exceeding 6 months of salary); stays must start between January and June 2017.
Duration of each stay: min. 2 months – max. 3 months

Procedure of application and selection

Proposals must be submitted by the hosting research unit director to cemeb-direction@umontpellier.fr. They will be evaluated by an ad hoc selection committee.

Application deadline

Friday, September 23, 2016 (midday)

Selection

Selection committee: Tuesday, October 11, 2016

Dates of the stay must take into account the processing time needed by the administrative services to establish the contract and apply for the visa (ca. 2 months following decision of the selection committee).