



**CESAB**  
CENTRE FOR THE SYNTHESIS AND ANALYSIS  
OF BIODIVERSITY



## Joint Call CESAB-CeMEB

# **CESABATIC: Short term stays for foreign researchers**

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**The CESAB and CeMEB LabEx offer financial support for hosting 2 foreign researchers for short stays at the CESAB in Montpellier (from 2 months minimum to 3 months maximum).**

**The Centre for the Synthesis and Analysis of Biodiversity (CESAB)** is an instrument of the French FRB (Foundation for Research on Biodiversity). This center funds and host groups of researchers for a better use of existing data, information and knowledge to foster theoretical and synthetic approaches in biodiversity research. The CESAB is located in Montpellier since 2019.

**The Mediterranean Centre for Environment and Biodiversity Laboratory of Excellence (CeMEB LabEx)** is a federation of ten research units (Appendix) in the Montpellier area. Research focuses on the dynamics and functioning of biodiversity and ecosystems in a context of marked human-induced environmental changes.

### **Objective and eligibility**

This funding scheme concerns researchers or professors recognised for their significant contributions to the advancement of their field of research.

The applicant will have to:

- propose a review paper to be published in a major international journal in ecology and/or evolution. The review project should address one of the main research themes of the CeMEB (see Appendix) and fall within the scope of the CESAB (Synthesis and Analysis of Biodiversity - see Appendix);
- conduct the work with a co-PI from one of the CeMEB LabEx research units (<http://www.labex-cemeb.org/en/umr>);
- devote the time spent in Montpellier essentially to the writing of the review;
- give at least one lecture in the context of CeMEB conference cycles;
- eventually plan other activities and collaborative actions during the stay

Applicants should not be part of an ongoing CESAB synthesis group. They must hold their doctoral degree for more than 10 years and not have resided or conducted their main activity (academic career, research program, etc.) in France during more than 12 months during the three years preceding the date of submission of the application.

### **Assessment criteria**

Applications will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

- 1 - Relevance of the scientific topic and ambition of the project :  
Interest of the subject and its positioning relative to the state of the art, scientific ambition and clear definition of the deliverables
- 2 - Quality of the methodology and operability of the project  
Accordance between objectives and means, quality and clarity of the working plan, expertise of the invited scientist
- 3 - Adequation of the project with the scope of the CESAB (Synthesis and Analysis of Biodiversity).
- 4 - Added value of the collaboration for the local community, and of interactions beyond those established with the Co-PI.

## Amounts allocated, funding modalities and accommodation

Visits of a maximum duration of **3 months (2 months minimum)** will be funded between September 2020 and June 2021. Funding includes :

- . Accommodation up to € 33 per day (approx. €1000 maximum per month)
- . *Per diem* for food up to € 33 per day (approx. €1000 maximum per month)
- . Transport costs up to € 1300
- . Local public transport pass up to € 54 per month

The researcher will be based in the CESAB premises in Montpellier (5 Rue de l'École de Médecine, Montpellier). Researchers can find at CESAB the necessary environment to conduct analyses that address major scientific challenges in biodiversity research. Visiting CESABATIC researchers will be provided with office space and will have the opportunity to interact with CESAB postdocs, data analysts and synthesis groups as well as CeMEB LabEx research units.

Please note that:

- CESAB will organize transport for the visiting researcher.
- CESAB will pay for accommodation in advance every month (the researcher will have to provide invoices/proof of rent to FRB);
- CESAB will pay the researcher's per diem for food in advance every month
- CESAB and CeMEB are not responsible for obtaining the visa of the invited researcher.
- The visit cannot be planned during the months of July or August.
- The visit can be split into 2 periods if the applicant covers the travel costs associated with the additional trip.

## Terms of agreement

- The applicants agree to the terms of the CeMEB-CESAB.
- The applicant agree to mention CeMEB and CESAB funding in any scientific publication linked using the following expression : *With the support of LabEx CeMEB, an ANR "Investissements d'avenir" program (ANR-10-LABX-04-01) and the synthesis center CESAB of the French Foundation for Research on Biodiversity (FRB).*
- The applicants agree to send a short report (2 pages max) within 3 months after the end of the stay in Montpellier.

## Application schedule

09/12/2019 to 30/01/2020: submission of applications

16/03/2020: announcement of results

Visits planned between September 2020 and June 2021

## Submission procedure

Project submissions (application form to be downloaded on FRB and CeMEB website), signed by the applicant, the local co-PI and the research unit director of the local co-PI, must be sent by email to [cesab@fondationbiodiversite.fr](mailto:cesab@fondationbiodiversite.fr) and [cemeb-soumission@umontpellier.fr](mailto:cemeb-soumission@umontpellier.fr) before 30 January, 2020 (13:00, French time).