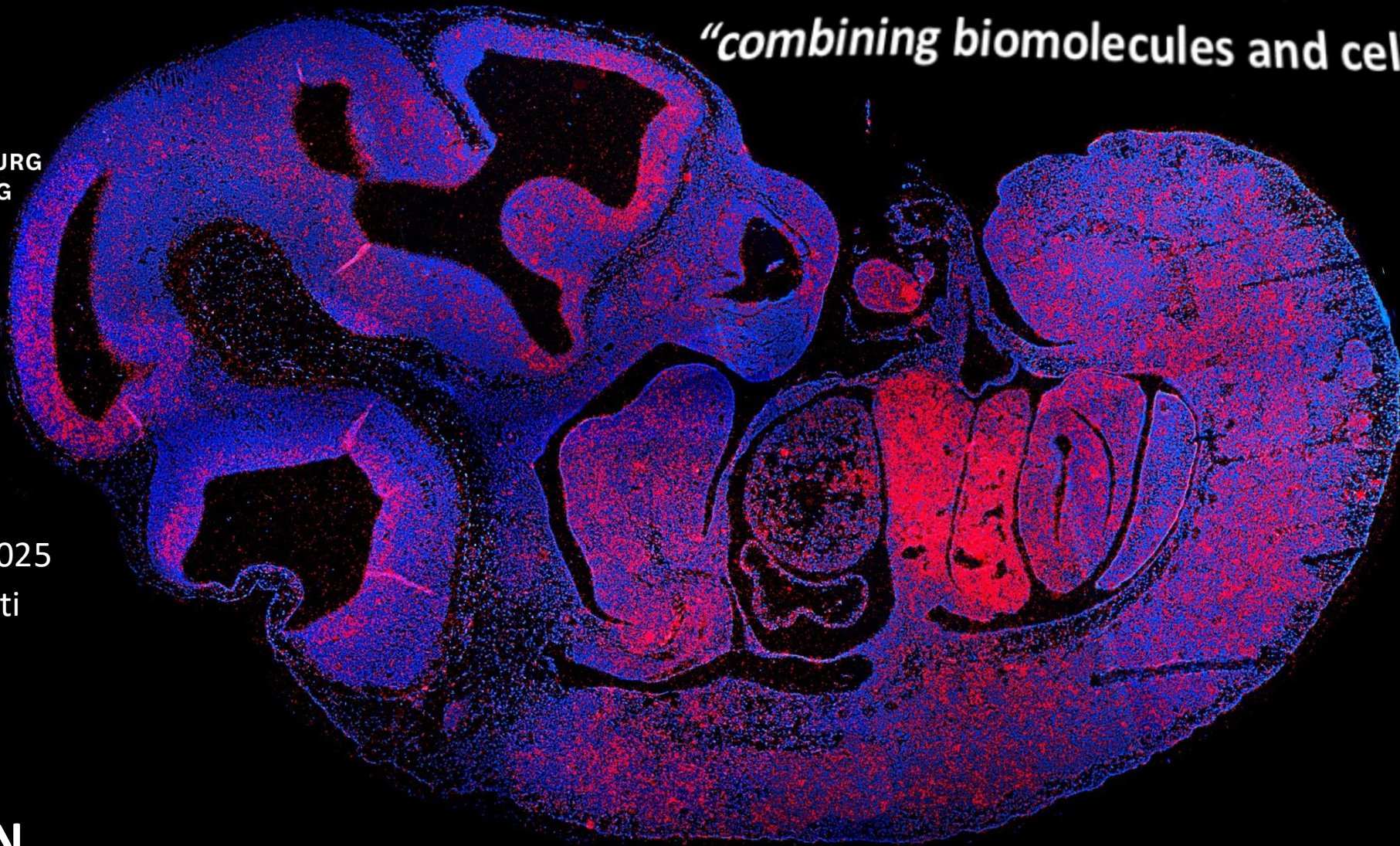


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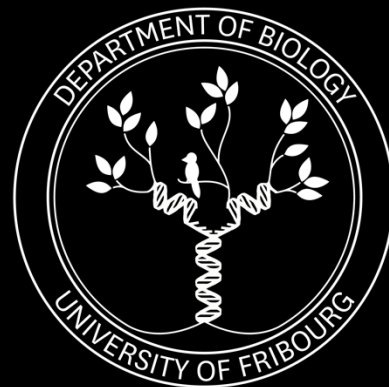
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*"combining biomolecules and cell function"*

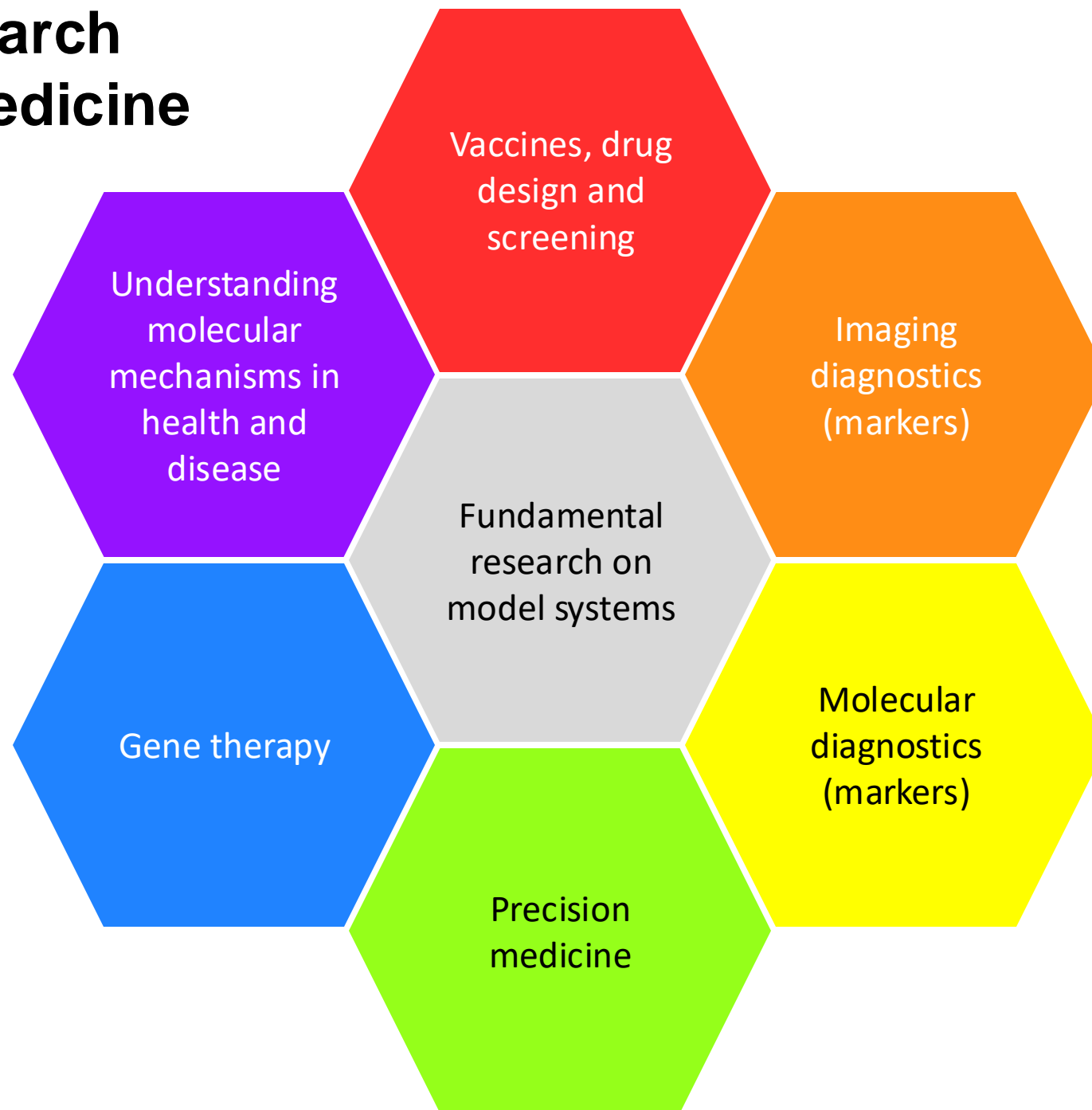


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**MASTER IN  
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# Basic research underpins medicine





# There is an urgent need of competent people to carry out basic and applied research, but also to evaluate the benefits and potential dangers of modern Life technologies

November 2023



February 2019

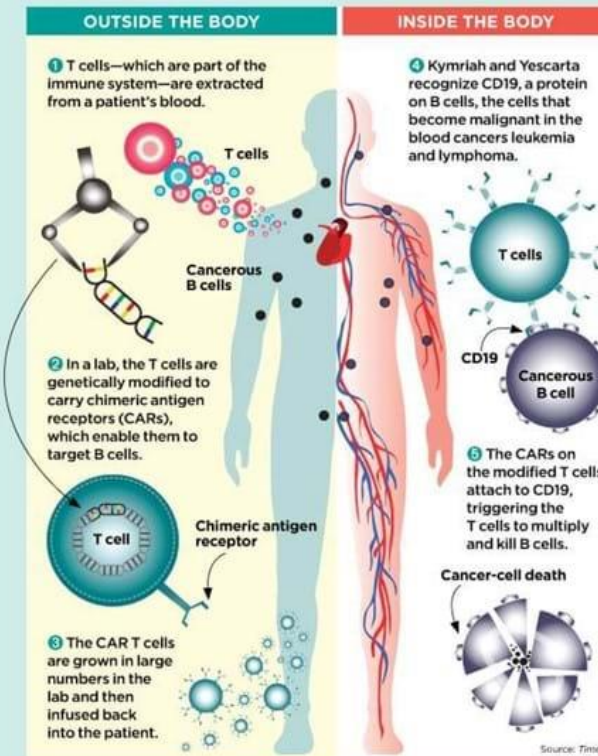
## La naissance de deux macaques relance le débat sur le clonage

Une équipe chinoise vient de cloner les tout premiers primates jamais obtenus grâce à la technique utilisée en 1996 pour la brebis Dolly. Le clonage humain n'a jamais été aussi proche. De quoi relancer un vaste débat scientifique, médical et éthique

October 2018

### ARMING A BODY TO DO BATTLE WITH CANCER

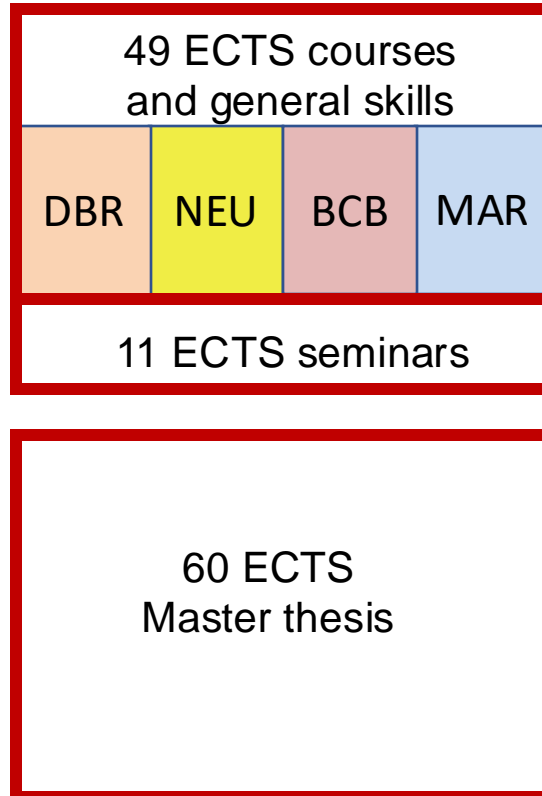
Kymriah and Yescarta, the CAR T treatments approved by the FDA, help key cells in a patient's immune system destroy blood cancer cells. Here's how they work:



# MSc in Molecular Life and Health Sciences: 5 study programs

**120 ECTS**

**4 options**



DBR : Developmental Biology and Regeneration

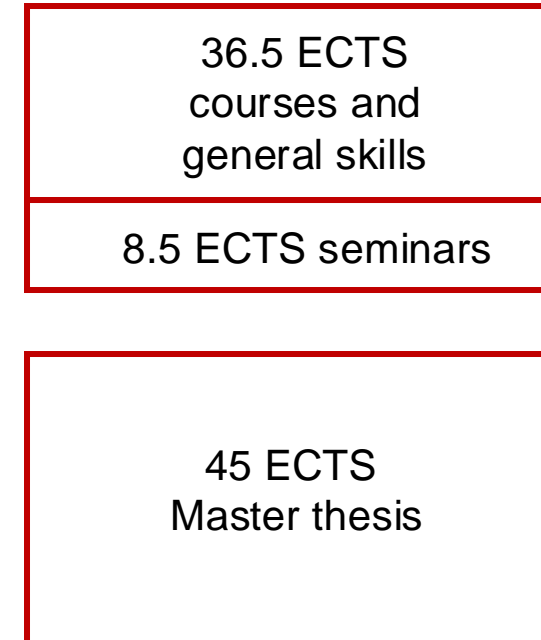
NEU: Neurobiology

BCB: Biochemistry and Cell Biology

MAR: Marine Biology

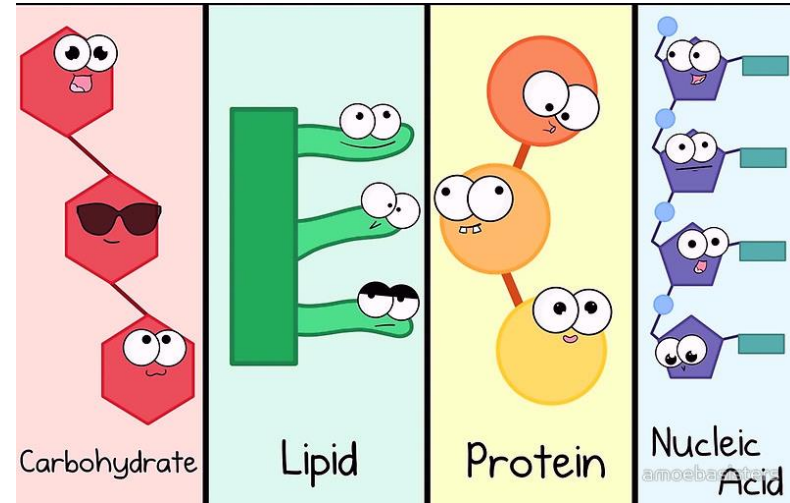
**90 ECTS**

**Option Teaching**



# Ex-cathedra lectures

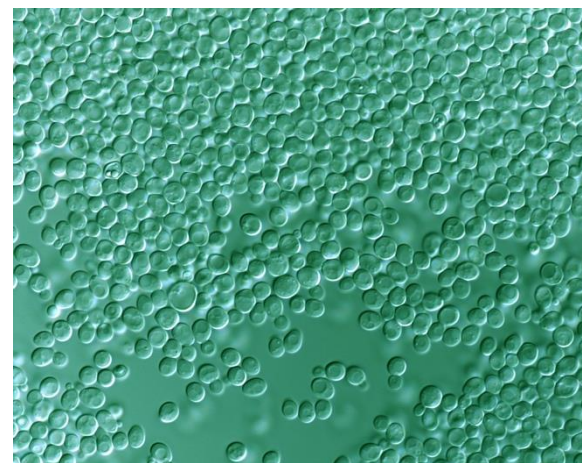
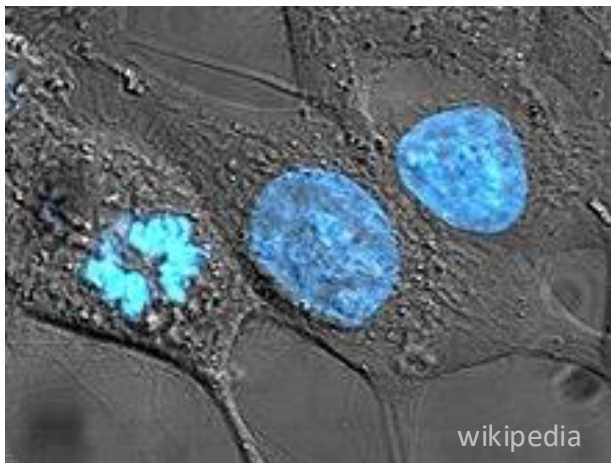
for example:



Advanced courses to complement what you have learned at BSc level:

SBL.10011	Structure, function and diseases of lipid metabolism	(Spring, 1 ECTS)
SBL.10014	Cancer immunology	(Spring, 1 ECTS)
SBL.00453	Protein homeostasis	(Fall, 1 ECTS)
SBL.00115	The RNA World	(Fall, 1.5 ECTS)
SBL.00130	Nuclear organization and chromosome dynamics	(Fall, 1 ECTS)

# Health and disease-related courses



for example:

SBL.10001	Modeling human disease in experimental genetic systems	(Spring, 2 ECTS)
SBL.10002	From bench to bedside	(Spring, 0.5 ECTS)
SBL.10014	Cancer immunology	(Spring, 1 ECTS)
SBL.00414	Cell fate and tissue regeneration	(Fall, 1 ECTS)
SBL.10003	Health-related topics in developmental biology	(Spring, 2 ECTS)
SBL.10004	Ethics in stem cell research	(Spring, 1 ECTS)



# “Soft skills”

SBL.00420

Career profiling in Life Sciences

(Spring, 1 ECTS)

SBL.00129

BeFri Retreat in cell and developmental biology

(Spring, 1 ECTS)

SBL.00127/8

BeFri Colloquia in cell and developmental biology

(Spring, 3 ECTS)



If you wish:

Mentoring of BSc students

( 30 CHF / hour)

# Research activities: lab homepage or/and the **biennial report**



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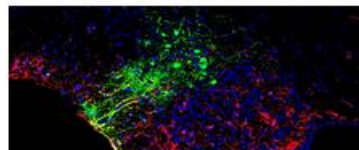
Conservation Biology ▾

Animal Behaviour ▾

Regenerative Biology ▾

Biological control and Invasions ▾

Alumni Professors & Group Leaders ▾



**Urs Albrecht**

Circadian Rhythms in Mammals



**Pierre-Marie Allard**

COMMONS (COMputational Mass spectroMetry & Open Natural products reSearch) Lab



**Thomas Auer**

Evolution of chemosensory-guided behaviors



**Sven Bacher**

Applied Ecology - biological invasions, biodiversity, and biological control



**Louis-Félix Bersier**

Community Ecology



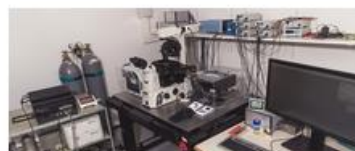
**Claudio De Virgilio**

Nutrient Signal Transduction and Control of Quiescence in Yeast



**Jörn Dengjel**

Cell Recycling



**Boris Egger**

Controlling neural stem cell states



**Laurent Falquet**

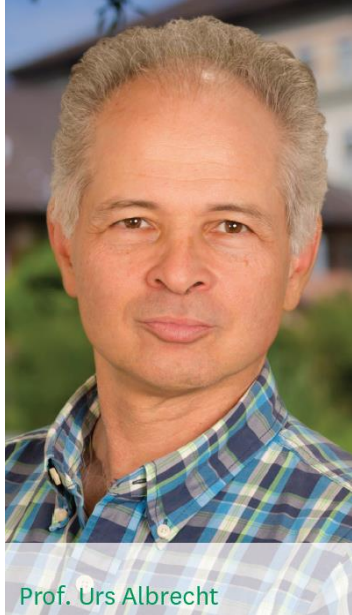
Microbial Genomics



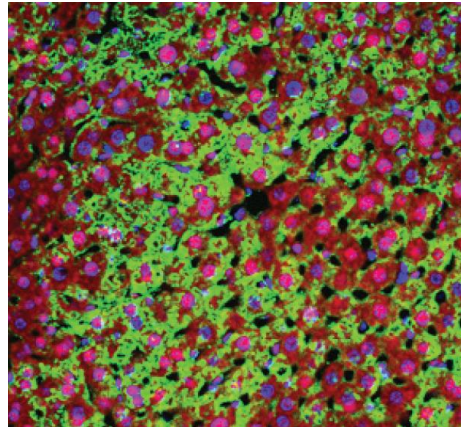
# Option Biochemistry and Cell Biology

Circadian clock and sleep

**How is life influencing sleep and health**



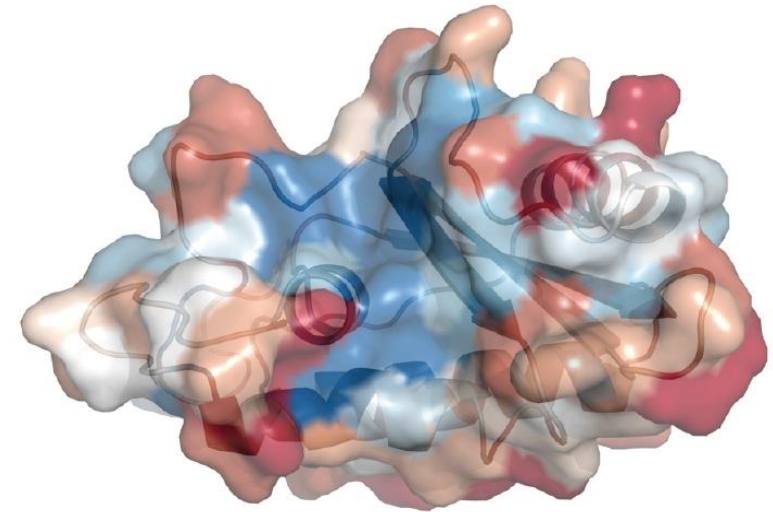
Prof. Urs Albrecht



Prof. Roger Schneider

Protect yourself - take a cap

**What are CAP superfamily proteins exactly doing, apart from binding lipids ?**





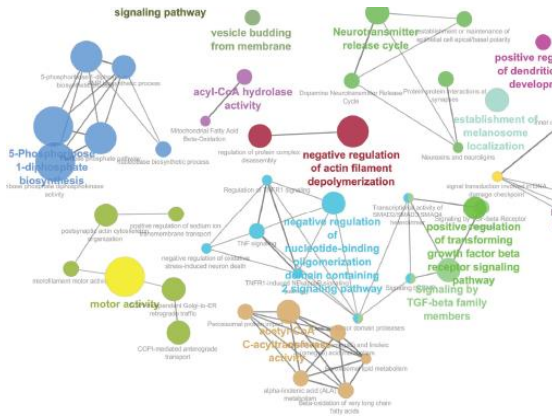
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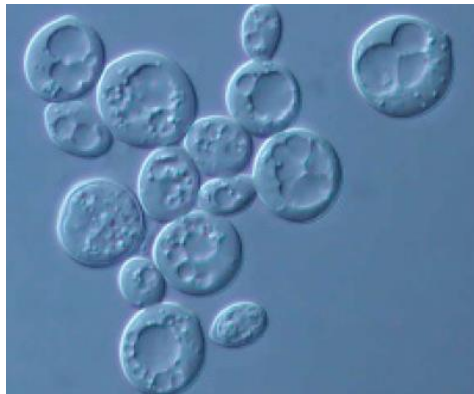
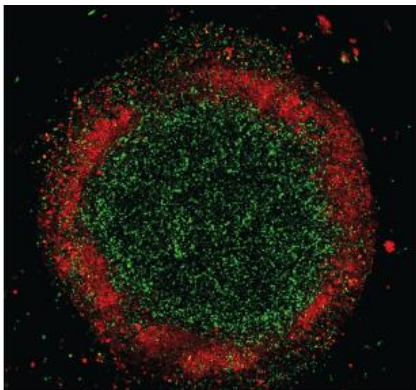
Cellular Recycling

**How does a cell decide what to degrade when and where?**



Nutrient and Cell Proliferation

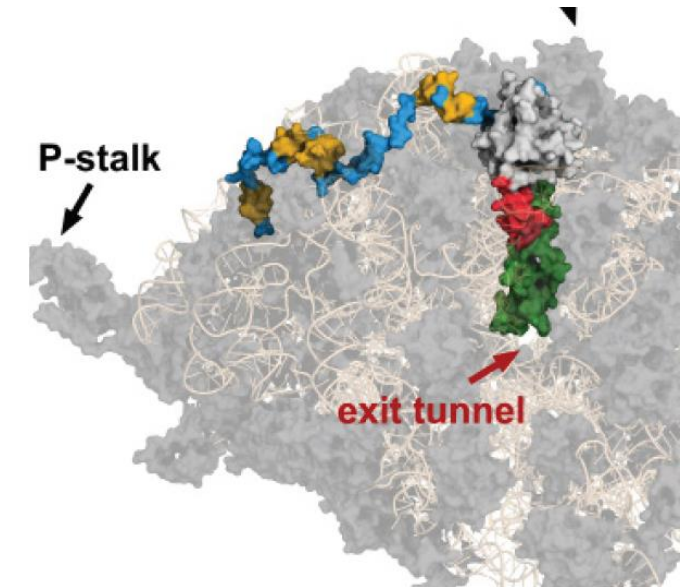
**Rag-time for baker's yeast**



Prof. Dieter Kressler

Ribosome Origami

**Piecing together the puzzle of life: priming ribosomal proteins for assembly**

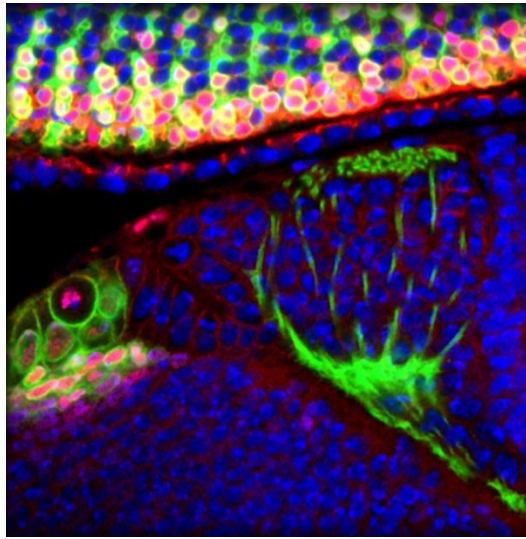


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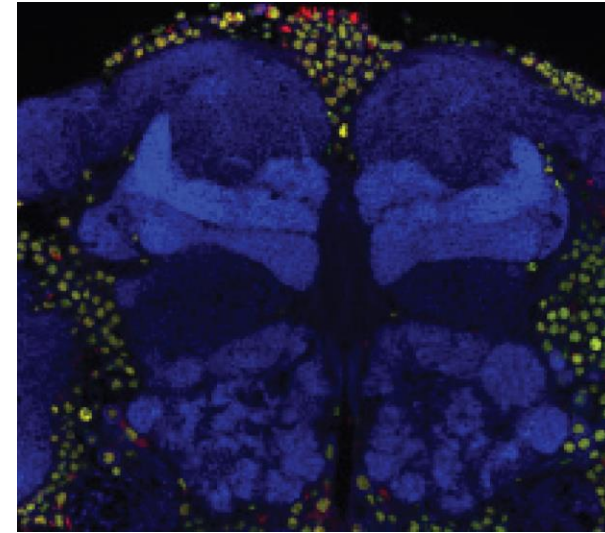
# Option Neurobiology

Neural stem cells and development  
**Building brains in flies**

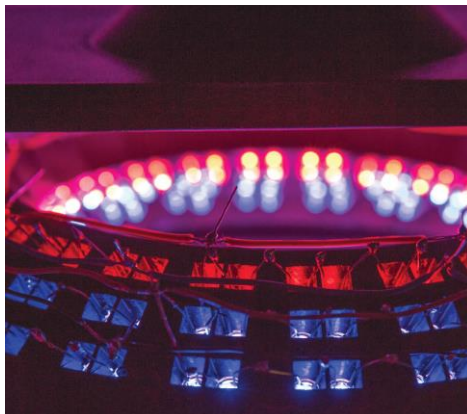


Neurogenetics and behaviour

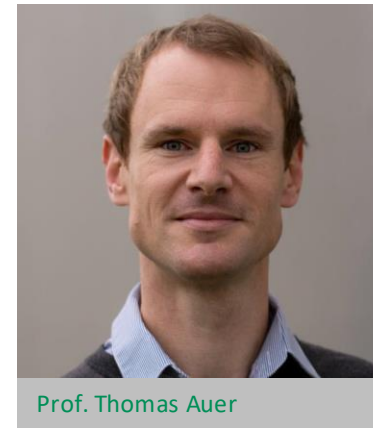
**How the nervous system encodes the surrounding world**



Nociception and plasticity  
**A small worm teaching us how to shut off pain signal**



Evolution of chemosensory-guided behaviours  
**Why flies love stinky fruits**

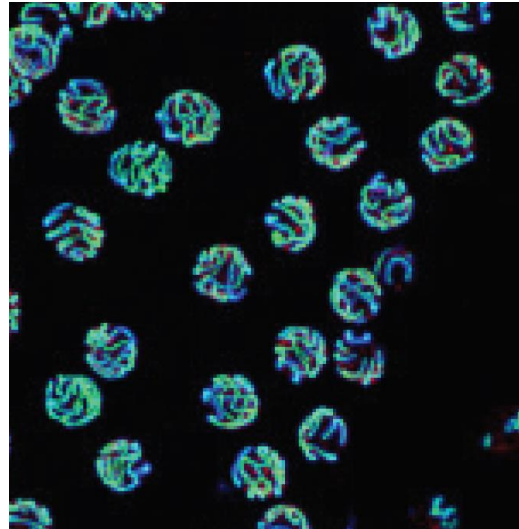


# Option Developmental Biology and Regeneration



Prof. Chantal Wicky

Chromatin and development  
**Packaging matters**

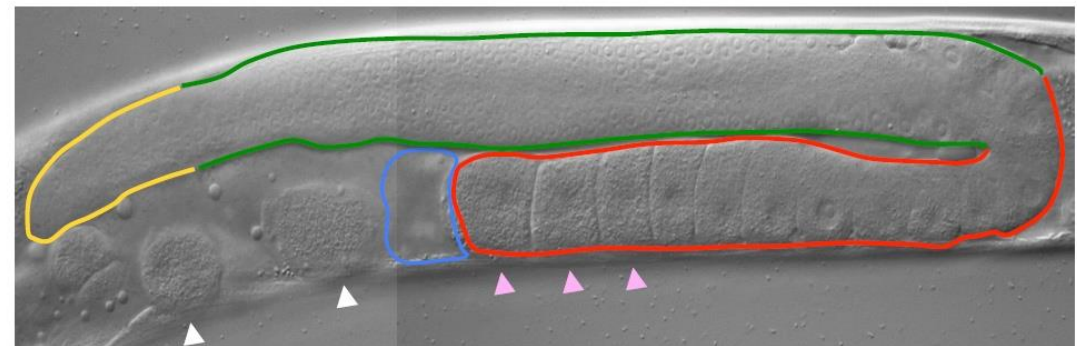
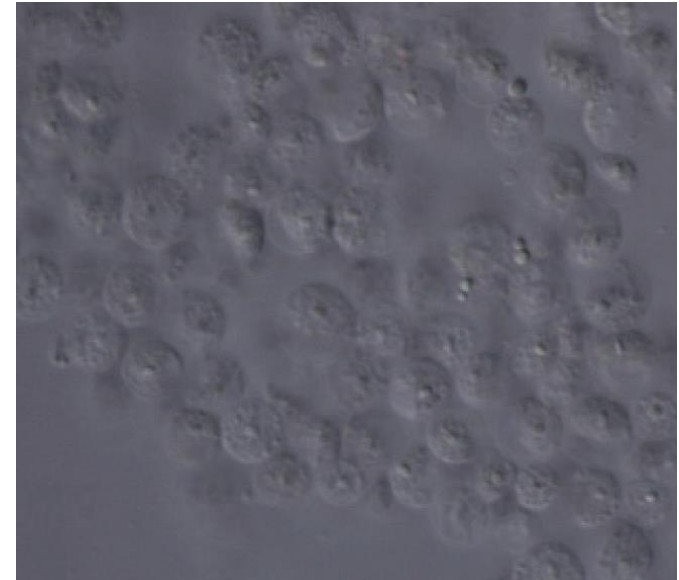


RNA Biology and Development

**How do germ cells choose their destiny?**



Prof. Alessandro Puoti



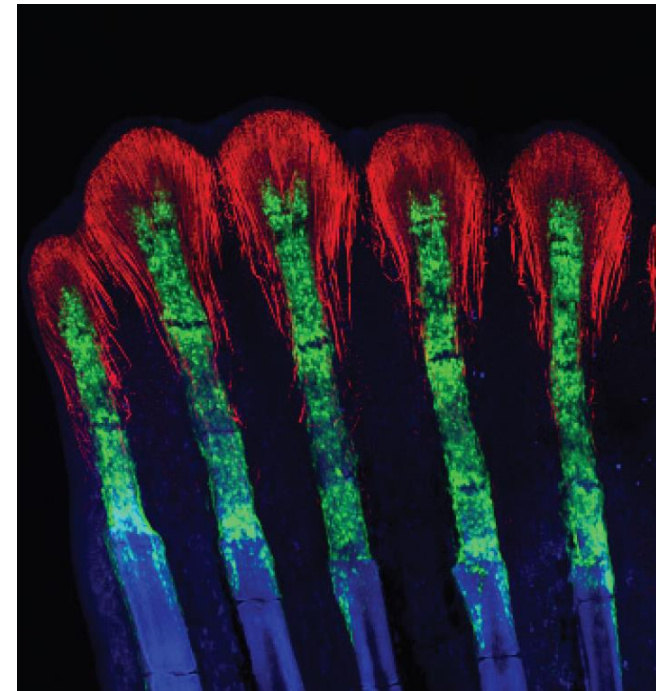
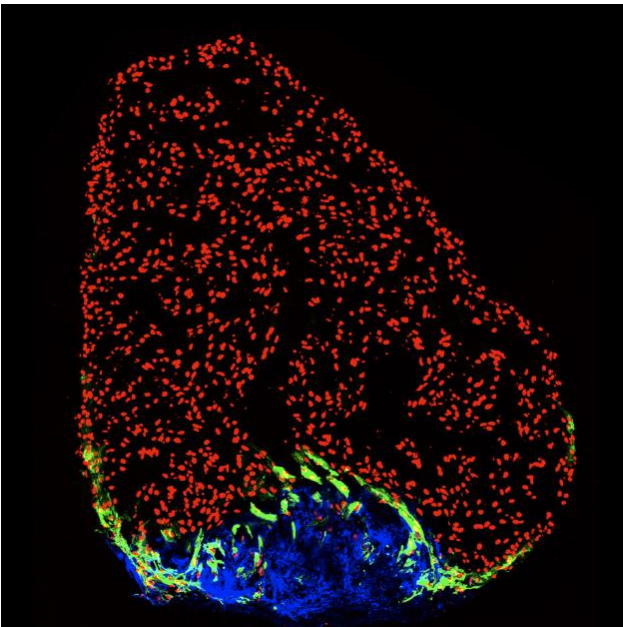


# Option Developmental Biology and Regeneration



Organ regeneration

**Zebrafish repair their broken hearts and regrow amputated appendages**





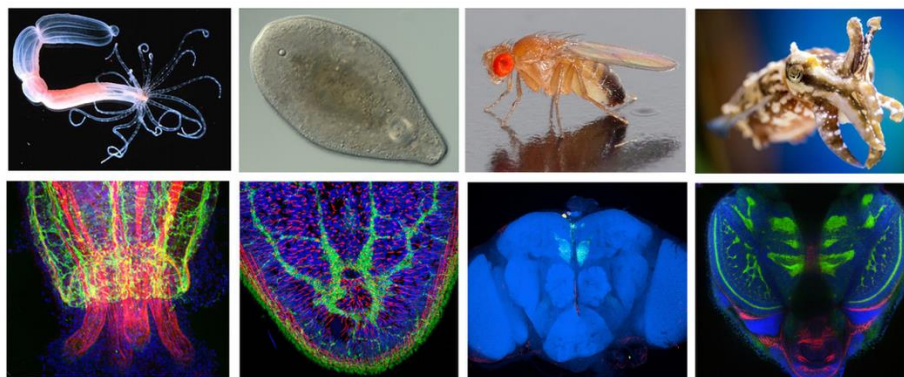
# Option Marine Biology



Prof. Simon Sprecher

Neurogenetics and behaviour

## How the nervous system encodes the surrounding world

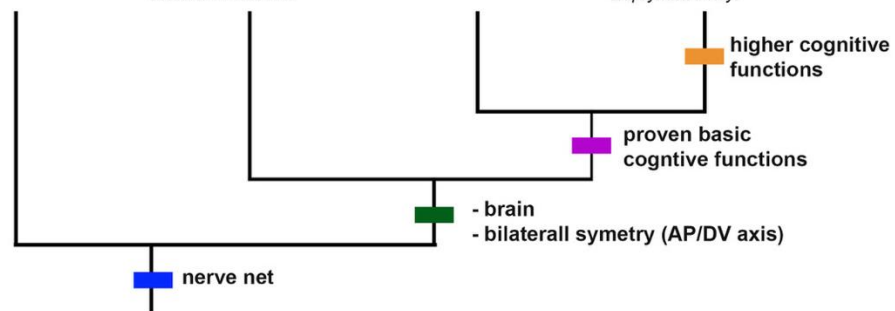


**Cnidarians**  
*Nematostella vectensis*

**Xenacoelomorphs**  
*Isodiametra pulchra*  
*Symsagittifera roscoffensis*  
*Xenoturbella bocki*

**Arthropods**  
*Drosophila melanogaster*

**Cephalopods**  
*Sepia bandensis*  
*Loligo vulgaris*  
*Euprymna berryi*



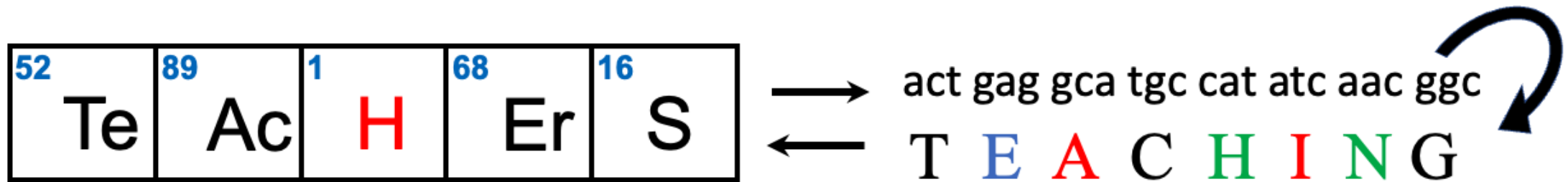
# Option Teaching

**90 ECTS** : 19 ECTS of mandatory courses taken from the four research options

17.5 ECTS of recommended and elective courses (both MLHS and EB Masters, BeNeFri network)

8.5 ECTS of seminars

45 ECTS Master thesis (same choice of departmental research groups as for the 120 ECTS options)



- This option grants access to the higher education for secondary level II (DEEM / LDM) with the teaching domain “Biology” (Domain 1 or Mono).
- We ask students taking this 90-ECTS option to complete their Master studies with additional 30 ECTS of their second teaching domain, but this is not mandatory.
- Students who will teach only biology (Mono) can take one of the 120-ECTS research options.
- The 120-ECTS options are also accessible to students with 2 teaching domains.

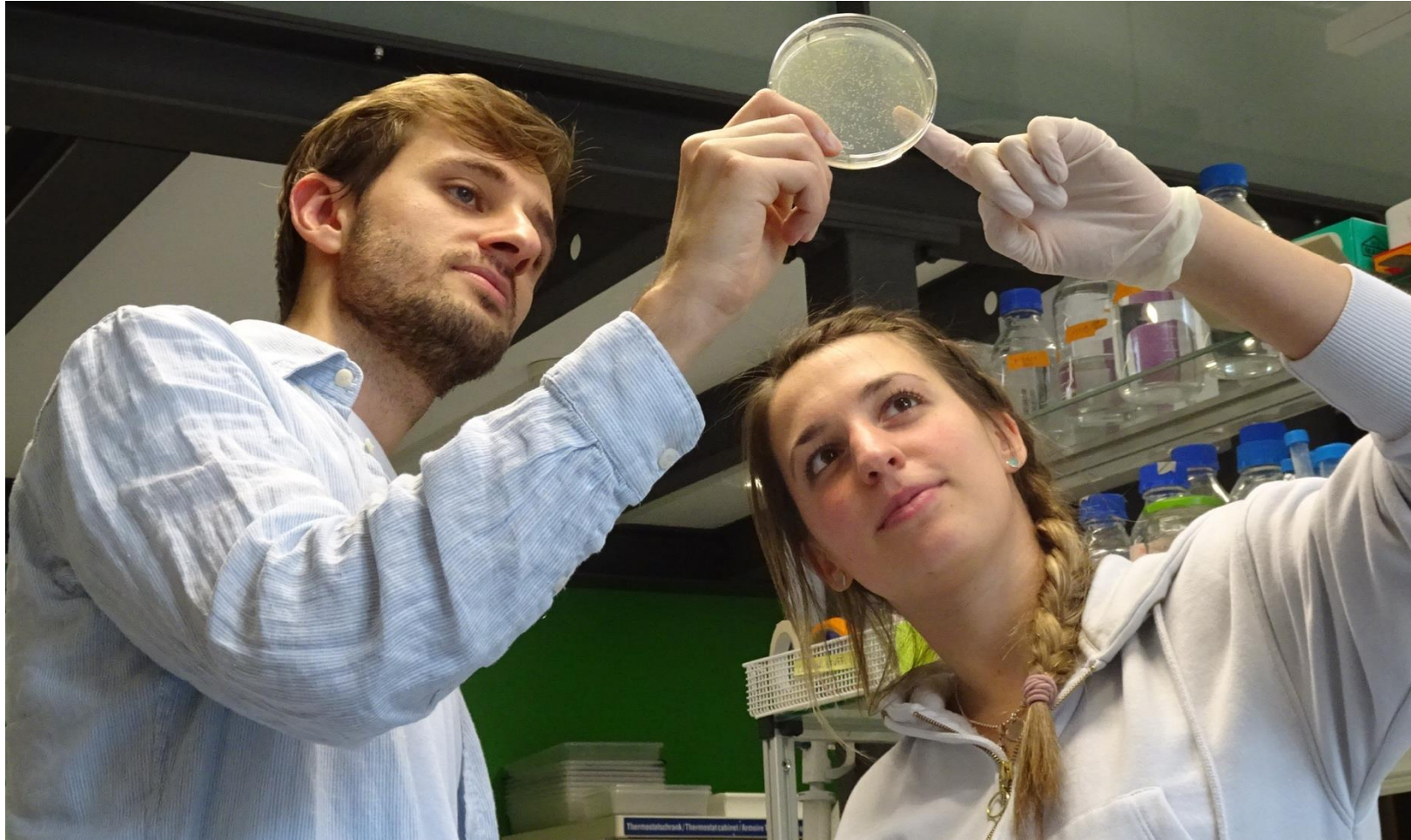
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**Be the first to discover one of nature's secrets**

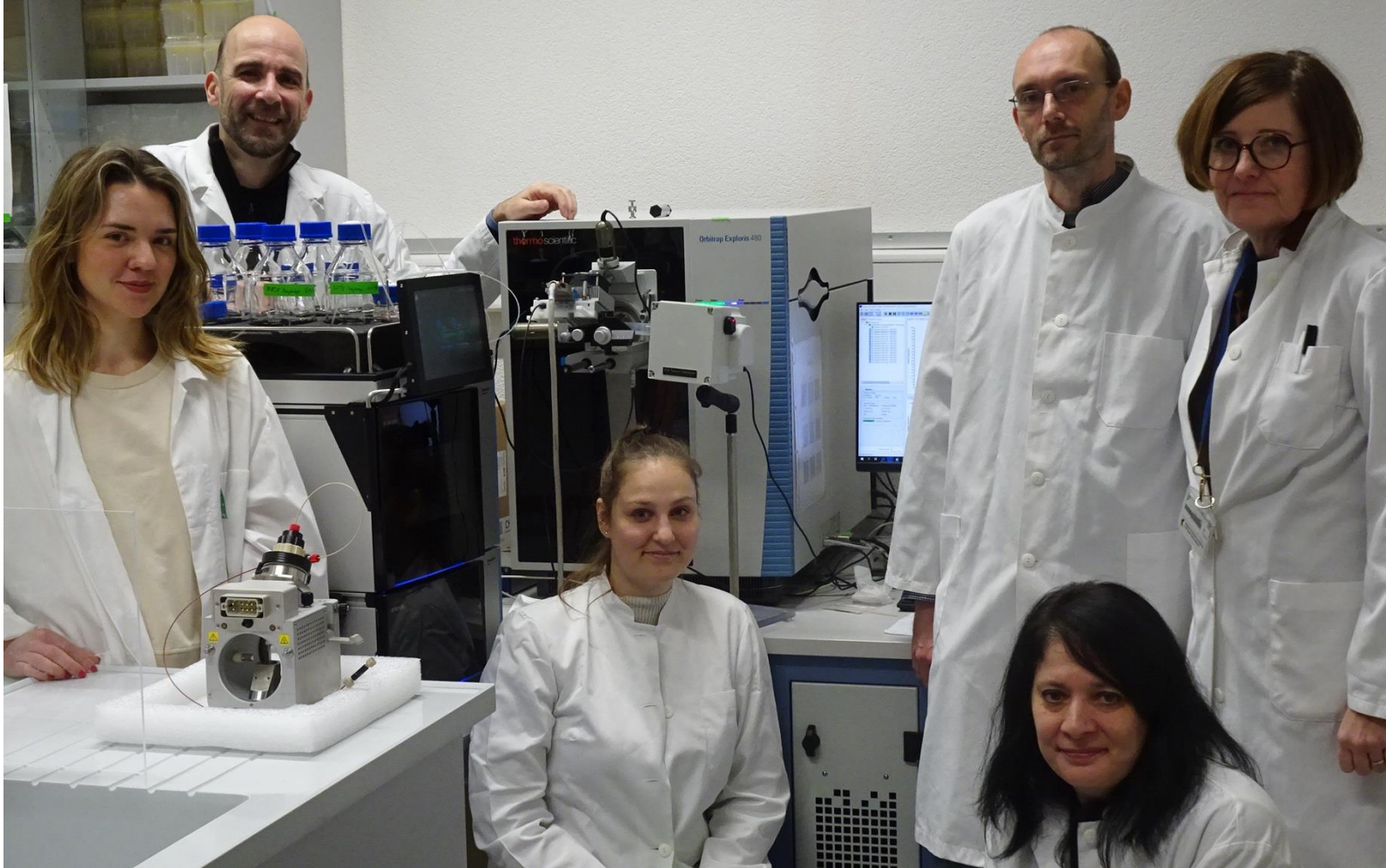


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**Share your passion for research with others**

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**Be part of a dynamic state-of-the-art research team**



## Why a Master at the University of Fribourg?

- Programs fully taught in English
- Highly personalized supervision
- State-of-the-art infrastructure
- Wide choice of courses among our programs

