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Late Summer 2026 Newsletter (Special Edition)

Dear colleagues,

I would like to draw your attention to a new funding opportunity launched by the IRC Discovery, with a relatively short deadline: September 30.

The call supports Faculty Workshop Grants in two of the IRC Discovery's thematic pillars: **Instrumentation: Enabling Discoveries** and **Interdisciplinary Study of Living Systems**.

For our Particle Physics and Cosmology community, the « Instrumentation » pillar is particularly relevant, and I encourage colleagues working on detectors, accelerators, quantum technologies, or related instrumentation to consider whether this opportunity could support a workshop or a new collaborative initiative.

With the deadline approaching quickly, I wanted to make sure this call was on your radar.

Please find the details of the call in this special issue of the IRL PPC newsletter.

Warm regards,

Cédric Cerna
Director, IRL PPC

Open Call for Applications

Internal Funding Opportunities: UChicago-CNRS Workshop Grant

Workshop Grants in Instrumentation and Living Systems (IRC Discovery)

- **Submission deadline** : September 30, 2026
- **Award amount** : Up to $20.000 for workshops between UChicago faculty and counterparts at France's National Centre for Scientific Research. Successful workshop proposals will advance research within the Instrumentation or Study of Living Systems pillars of the CNRS-UChicago International Research Center for Discovery.
- **Awards per cycle** : Up to 2 awards
- **Discipline subject/area** : All Disciplines and Academic Research Areas
- **Submission** : Successful workshop submissions will describe how the project advances research and demonstrate a clear plan for the long-term growth of the collaborative project, whether through the growth of the scholar network, article publication, or applications to larger funding mechanisms (i.e. ERC Synergy Grant).
- **Website** : https://ircdiscovery.uchicago.edu/faculty-workshop-grants-in-instrumentation-and-living-systems/
- **For full application details** : https://uchicago.infoready4.com/#freeformCompetitionDetail/2023569

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