

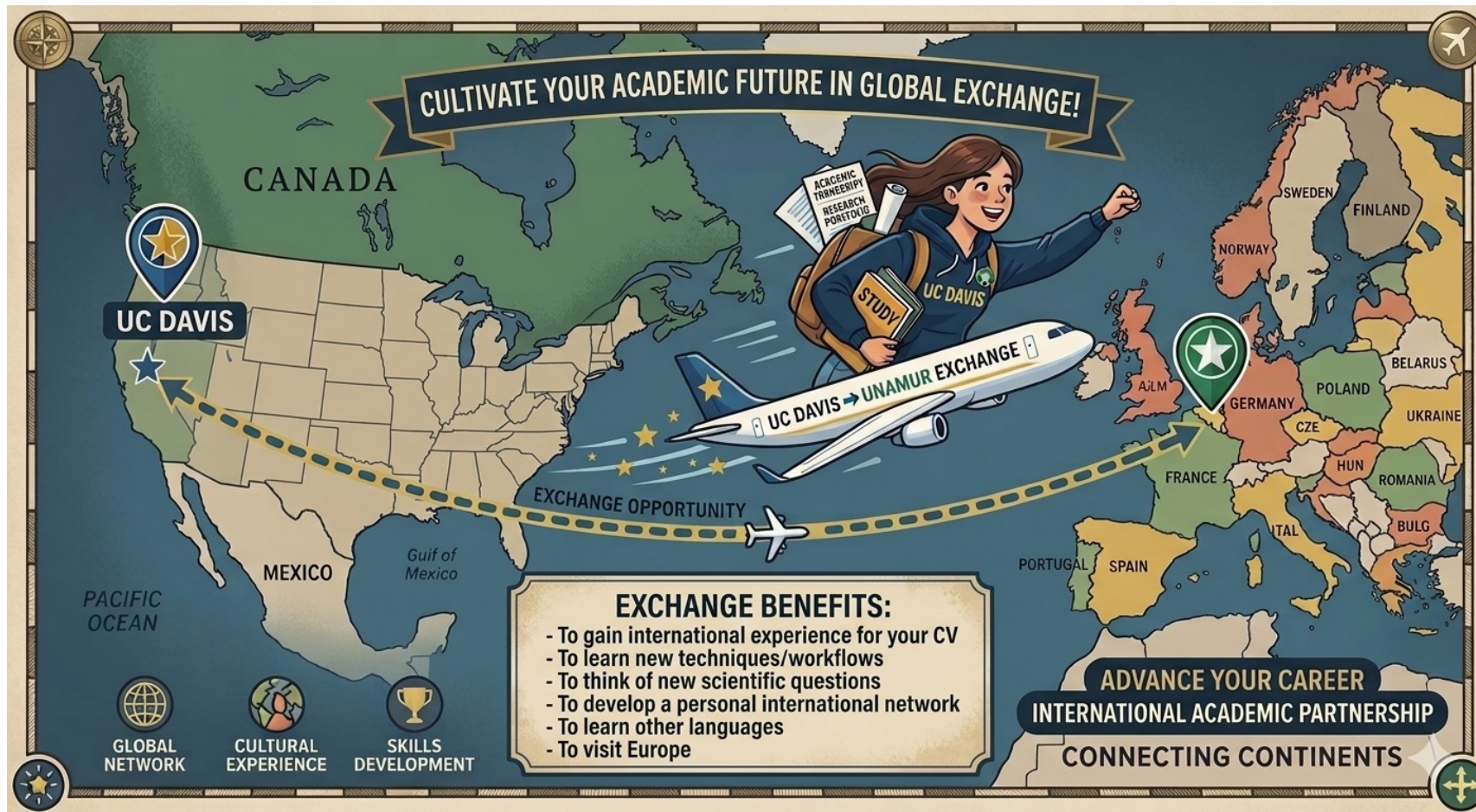


# Agreement of Cooperation and Exchange Opportunities between UC Davis and U Namur

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# Why to Travel Overseas ?



**CULTIVATE YOUR ACADEMIC FUTURE IN GLOBAL EXCHANGE!**

**UC DAVIS**

**UC DAVIS → UNAMUR EXCHANGE**

**EXCHANGE OPPORTUNITY**

**EXCHANGE BENEFITS:**

- To gain international experience for your CV
- To learn new techniques/workflows
- To think of new scientific questions
- To develop a personal international network
- To learn other languages
- To visit Europe

**ADVANCE YOUR CAREER**

**INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC PARTNERSHIP**

**CONNECTING CONTINENTS**

**GLOBAL NETWORK**

**CULTURAL EXPERIENCE**

**SKILLS DEVELOPMENT**

**ACADEMIC TRAINING**

**RESEARCH PORTFOLIO**

**STUDY**

**UC DAVIS**

**CANADA**

**MEXICO**

**PACIFIC OCEAN**

**Gulf of Mexico**

**PORTUGAL**

**SPAIN**

**FRANCE**

**GERMANY**

**ITALY**

**NETHERLANDS**

**UKRAINE**

**ROMANIA**

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**HUNGARY**

**CZECH REPUBLIC**

**POLAND**

**FINLAND**

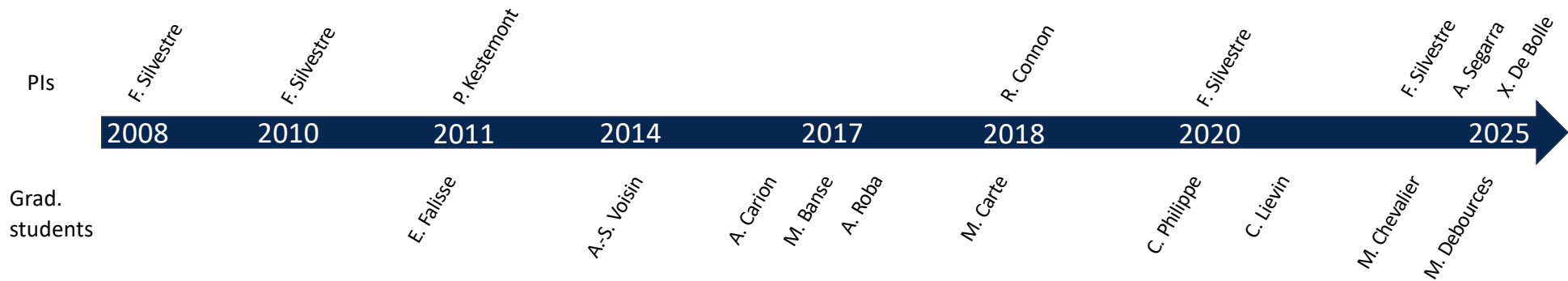
**SWEDEN**

**NORWAY**

**BELARUS**

## UNamur–UC Davis collaboration (2008–present)

Since 2008, the partnership has facilitated exchanges for **5 PIs** and **10 graduate students**.



Across 7 main leading **UC Davis** groups:

**Dietmar Kültz** > Stress-Induced Evolution of Fish and Marine Invertebrates

**Andrew Whitehead** > Environmental, Ecological, and Evolutionary Genomics

**Andy Sih** > Behavioural Ecology

**Richard Connon (Emeritus)** > Environmental Toxicology

**Amélie Segarra** > Ecological Toxicology and Diseases

**Anne Todgham** > Environmental Physiology in a Changing Climate

**Renée Tsolis** > Department of Medical Microbiology and Immunology





Agreement of Cooperation Number 2022-21

## AGREEMENT OF COOPERATION

BETWEEN

**UNIVERSITY OF NAMUR**  
Rue de Bruxelles 61, 5000 NAMUR  
BELGIUM

AND

**THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA,  
ON BEHALF OF THE DAVIS CAMPUS**  
One Shields Avenue  
Davis, CA 95616  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



## Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility

### Handbook for Participating Organisations

**Projects 2023-2026 and 2026-2029**

- **Student and staff mobility (IN and OUT)**
  - *Students* -> minimum stay **2 months**, maximum **6 months**
    - Receive **travel grant** and **monthly expenses** grant
  - *Staff* -> minimum stay 5 working days, maximum 10 working days
    - Receive travel grant and daily expenses grant
  - Administration and funding handled by UNamur
    - Assistance offered regarding housing, visa, insurance, ...
  - **Different types of mobilities possible**
    - Students -> internship
    - Staff -> teaching or training mobility (or mixed)
- **Project duration 3 years (Aug 2026 – Jun 2029)**
- **Multiple mobilities possible of different types**



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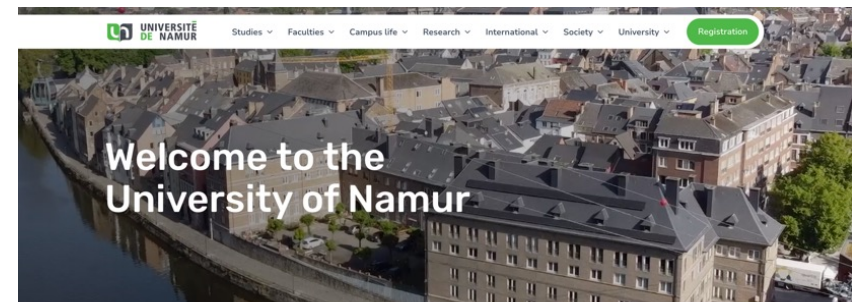
UNIVERSITÉ  
DE NAMUR



## The University of Namur ([www.unamur.be](http://www.unamur.be))

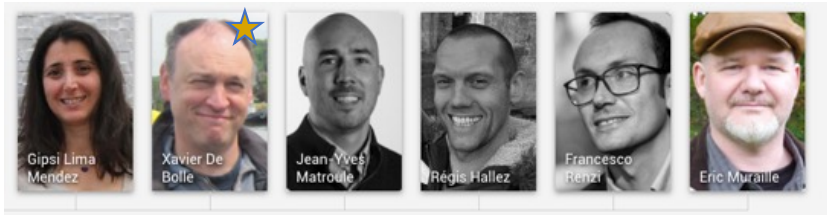


- 110 000+ citizens ; lovely and peaceful city in the heart of Belgium ; political capital of the Walloon Region
- Well connected nationally and internationally
  - Brussels: 65 km
  - Paris: 300 km
  - London: 430 km
  - Amsterdam: 265 km
- Full program in biology with diverse research units (18 PIs)



**URBM**  
Microbiology

<https://www.urbm.be/>



- *Caulobacter crescentus*, *Capnocytophaga canimorsus* and *Brucella sp.*
- functions, structure and interactions of proteins involved in cell cycle-associated processes, regulation of gene expression, metabolism, modulation of the host innate immune response
- enzyme engineering and dietary fibers production
- environmental detoxification



**URBE**

<https://www.unamur.be/en/science/biology/research/urbe>

Environmental and Evolutionary Biology



F. De Laender

F. Silvestre

A. Dennis

E. Thoré

B. Reid

Community Dynamics  
and Ecology Modeling

Comparative and Evolutionary  
Genomics  
Snails - invertebrates

Conservation Genomics  
Herpetology  
Museum Genomics

Evolutionary and Adaptive Physiology  
Environmental Epigenomics  
Aquatic Ecotoxicology

Behavioral Ecology  
Aquatic Ecotoxicology



*Molecular and Cellular Biology*

<https://www.unamur.be/en/science/biology/research/urbc>



T. Arnould    C. Michiels    P. Renard    H-F. Renard    A. Forrester

- cancer research
- organelle biology
- membrane dynamics and endocytosis
- homeostasis and endoplasmic reticulum

Integrated Veterinary Research Unit

<https://www.unamur.be/en/science/veterinary-medicine/research>



N. Gillet    B. Muylkens    JM Vandeweerd    F Hontoir    C Diederich



- Infectiology
- Epidemiology
- Osteoarticular pathologies
- Virology
- Ethology
- Neonatology



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*The slides can be found here:*

