



Destination Europe: France

My experience as a scientist in France: 1989-2015

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Career evolution team leader, laboratory director, European contracts



The truth about common myths about France and the French:

- It is not hard to communicate, and in labs and universities, English is spoken.
- Immigrants are encouraged to integrate culturally into French society.
- It is possible for foreigners to enter the system: **over 30%** of recruitments for tenured scientist positions are awarded to non-French citizens.



Some advantages to a research career in France

Professional:

- Lifetime tenure (sometimes with little or no teaching)
- Freedom to choose research topics
- Annual recurrent funding awarded to laboratories
- Encouragement for implication in European and international research networks and travel
- Large interdisciplinary centers of excellence with shared platforms: Increased visibility for funding
- Excellent engineers
- Large shared research infrastructures
- 24 vacation days and 11 legal holidays

Accessibility Europe
and the world!
Low cost flights:

Some advantages – cultural and personal

- Liberty, equality and fraternity really are espoused principles
- A providential welfare state (e.g. Universal health care; free university education for high school grads)
- Science and scientists are respected – streets are even named after them.
- A secular and scientifically informed society: The majority of the public does believe in the theory of evolution
- Joie de vivre !

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