

MASTER 2 Fundamental and Clinical Neurosciences

Internship proposal 2025-2026

(internship from January to June 2026)

Host laboratory:

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Host team

Neuropop team (Neurobiology and Neuroplasticity of Olfactory Perception)
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Inês VIEIRA, Post-doc

Project title:

Brain aging through the prism of olfaction: sex effect and involvement of the noradrenergic system.

Project summary: *approx 10 lines*

This project aims at investigating the age-induced alterations and sex-related specificities of olfactory memory in mice and the involvement of the noradrenergic system. By combining anatomical, functional and behavioral approaches, we will compare the kinetic of olfactory memory alteration in males and females, assess the capacity of odorants to induce noradrenaline release (through *in vivo* fiber photometry) and highlight synaptic contacts established by noradrenergic fibers (mammalian GFP-Reconstitution Across Synaptic Partners methodology). The intern will be assisting the work of Inês Vieira, post-doctoral associate in the team.

3-5 recent publications:

*Terrier C., *Greco-Vuilloud J., Cavelius M., Thévenet M., Mandaïron N., #Didier A. and #Richard M. (2024) Long-term olfactory enrichment promotes non-olfactory cognition, noradrenergic plasticity and remodeling of brain functional connectivity in older mice. *Neurobiology of Aging*, 114:73-83. DOI: 10.1101/2023.04.28.53843. PMID : [38364691](https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/38364691/)

*Chalençon L., *Midroit M., Athanassi A., Thevenet M., Breton M., Forest J., Richard M., Didier A., Mandaïron N. (2024) The perception and coding of attractive odorants are altered during aging but self-stimulation of the olfactory bulb is maintained in mice. *Neurobiology of Aging*. 137:8-18. DOI: 10.1016/j.neurobiolaging.2024.02.003. PMID [38394723](https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/38394723/).

Moussy E., Fournel A., Bellil D., Degraix J.L., Faure F., Idriss S., Fieux M., Denoix L., Daudé C., ***Richard M.**, ***Bensafi M.**, ***Ferdenzi C.** (2024) Losing olfaction in COVID-19: screening, training and effects on quality of life. *Clinical Nutrition Open Science* 56 :49-64. DOI: [10.1016/j.nutos.2024.05.007](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.nutos.2024.05.007)

*Greco-Vuilloud J., *Midroit M., Terrier C., Forest J., Sacquet J., Mandaïron N., Didier A., and **Richard M.** (2022) 12 months is a pivotal age for olfactory perceptual learning and its underlying neuronal plasticity in aging mice. *Neurobiology of Aging*. 114:73-83. DOI: 10.1016/j.neurobiolaging.2022.03.003. PMID: [35413485](https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35413485/).

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