

Xavier GROSMAITRE short biography



Xavier Grosmaître graduated from AgroParisTech and the Ecole Normale Supérieure in Paris with a MS in Physiology and a PhD in Neurophysiology. His academic career started as a postdoctoral Associate in Pr. Gordon Shepherd's lab in the Neurobiology Section of Yale Medical School, before joining Pr. Minghong Ma at the Perelman School of Medicine of the University of Pennsylvania as a Research Associate. In 2008, Xavier Grosmaître joined the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS) as a Research Scientist and Group Leader. He was promoted Research Director in 2017. At CNRS, the scientific objectives of his team are to investigate the neurobiological, behavioral and developmental properties of the olfactory system in mice. As a Group Leader, he collaborated with several laboratories and trained students from around the world: in the USA, in Germany and in Japan (where he was a JSPS Visiting Scholar at the University of Tokyo in 2015-2016). These interactions convinced him that his most successful scientific projects came from international partnerships. Consequently, in September 2018, he joined the Embassy of France in Ottawa as Science and Higher Education Attaché; his mandate covers researchers' and students' mobility between Canada and France in part through the development of institutional partnerships. His goal is to encourage Canadian students, researchers and actors of innovation to discover France: its research, its Universities, its innovation landscape and its culture.