



ANNIINA HILTUNEN

From Finland to France



Project: **Function of NHLRC2 in embryogenesis, and neurodevelopmental disorder of FINCA disease**

Research topic: **Biology**

Finnish Institution: **University of Oulu**

French Institution: **University of Strasbourg**

Dates of mobility: **14/11/2022 to 18/11/2022**

Program: **Maupertuis Programme**



PRESENTATION

[Anniina Hiltunen](#) currently works as a post-doctoral researcher at the Pediatric Neurology Group, [Unit of Clinical Medicine](#), [Faculty of Medicine](#), [University of Oulu](#). Her thesis project is co-supervised by Adjunct professor [Reetta Hinttala](#) and Professor [Johanna Uusimaa](#). It tackles the role of NHLRC2 in embryonic development, neurogenesis and neurodegeneration.

ACTIVITIES IN FRANCE

During her visit at [University of Strasbourg](#), Anniina Hiltunen discussed and prepared for her post-doctoral fellowship. She established research collaboration between her research group at University of Oulu and the laboratory of Professor [Yann Herault](#) group at [IGBMC](#) (University of Strasbourg). Their common interests are embryology and neuropathology. Due to the pandemic, the visit was delayed for a year, which gave Anniina Hiltunen time to defend her thesis and obtain funding from [Orion Research Foundation sr](#) and [Finnish Cultural Foundation](#). Her visit at University of Strasbourg allowed her to present her project and latest results in an open seminar. The specifics of her post doc project, timing, and other practicalities could be discussed and fixed in person to enable smooth start for the upcoming post doc period. Introduction to the research group, personnel of [Mouse Clinic Institute](#) (MCI) ("Institute Clinique de la Souris", MCI/ICS, Strasbourg, France), and methodology available inspired new and/or focused plans. In addition, Reetta Hinttala was an invited speaker at the ceremony enabling wider discussion on future collaborations of the two research groups.