The Institute of Functional Genomics (IGF) (www.igf.cnrs.fr), located in Montpellier, France, is seeking two new group leaders.

IGF is a major centre for basic research in Montpellier (22 independent research teams), supported by CNRS, INSERM and the University of Montpellier. It has been evaluated as an "Institute that provides a very strong environment for research at the highest level". Research focuses on processes underlying cell signaling and communication, as well as on mechanisms involved in diseases in the fields of neurobiology, cardiology, endocrinology and oncology. Research approaches and activities range from structural pharmacology to systems biology, from pre-clinical model analyses to translational research.

IGF is located in the campus Arnaud de Villeneuve (AdV) that offers an excellent environment for basic research dedicated to health. It is directly connected to three other major institutes: the Institute of Human Genetics (www.igh.cnrs.fr), the Center for Structural Biochemistry (www.cbs.cnrs.fr) and the unit Physiology and Experimental Medicine of heart and muscles (http://u1046.edu.umontpellier.fr/), and to the main Montpellier hospital and medical school. The scientific environment benefits from the presence of a wide range of state of the art facilities, including Genomics, Proteomics, medium throughput screening, imaging and animal facilities, and high-end instrumentation for structural biology and biophysics.

IGF will recruit new teams with research programs in Neurosciences, Physiology or Cancer biology, related to the research ongoing in the actual teams. Both already established and starting teams are welcome. Selected group leaders will receive lab space and some support to establish their laboratory. Selection of candidates will be based on international scientific excellence. Special attention will be given to innovative, high-risk projects. The closing date for applications is October 1st, 2015. Shortlisted applicants will be notified by October 15 and interviewed during November 2015. The new groups are expected to start during the year 2016.

Candidates should send a short CV, 1) a one page description of their main achievements, including a list of selected publications, 2) a short description of their research project, and 3) arrange for three reference letters to be sent separately by e-mail to the address: direction@igf.cnrs.fr