

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Gustave Roussy and Université Paris-Saclay sign an agreement to strengthen their collaboration**

**Gustave Roussy and Université Paris-Saclay signed an agreement on Wednesday 6 April strengthening their partnership in education, research and development in the field of oncology.**

Sylvie Retailleau, President of Université Paris-Saclay, and Fabrice Barlesi, CEO of Gustave Roussy, signed a collaboration agreement on Wednesday 6 April 2022, aiming to strengthen the already close ties in all areas of cancer research, for both education and development.

Oncology research aims to understand cancer in its entire complexity, combining multiple dimensions which vary as the disease develops. Understanding this complexity requires the involvement of various scientific disciplines.

By signing this collaboration agreement, Université Paris-Saclay and Gustave Roussy intend to draw on the disciplinary fields covered by the University's Graduate Schools. The goal is to expand cancer research beyond the biological and medical disciplines which form the foundation of the existing partnership between the University's Faculties of Medicine and Pharmacy and Gustave Roussy, by incorporating digital sciences, applied mathematics, engineering, humanities and social sciences.

In the field of education, Gustave Roussy will contribute to programmes at all levels in the field of oncology taught at Université Paris-Saclay. The courses concerned are:

- the 2<sup>nd</sup> year Master's programme in Oncology and the Doctoral School in Oncology, Biology, Medicine and Health;
- full-time academic programmes for medical and paramedical physicists;
- continuing education for practitioners, engineers and paramedics;
- training at the Institute of Bio-Medical Higher Education (IFSBM) for engineers from *Grandes Écoles* who are interested in careers with applications in biology and/or health.

In the field of research, Gustave Roussy will be the University's preferred partner for the development of interdisciplinary research in cancer. This research will involve the research and service units that contribute to the University's various Graduate Schools, including those which are not related to biological and health disciplines.

To this end, the two institutions plan to create a common project, the interdisciplinary "New Frontier in Cancerology". It aims to support multidisciplinary approaches to cancer research and supplement the courses currently provided by the Graduate Schools to prepare for new professions in cancer research.

*"The agreement signed between our two institutions will promote multidisciplinary and open up cancer research issues to disciplines and curricula which, at first glance, appear to be unrelated. This is the objective of creating an interdisciplinary project that will link the Graduate Schools together,"* said Professor Fabrice Barlesi, CEO of Gustave Roussy.

*"Our partnership with Gustave Roussy has a rich past and has produced a number of successful collaborations. The signing of this collaboration agreement, which provides for the creation of a common interdisciplinary project, will enable us to become stronger in meeting a major challenge for our societies today, namely the fight against cancer,"* said Sylvie Retailleau, President of Université Paris-Saclay.