

Press release

Jamal Atif appointed Vice-President of Research and Innovation at Institut Polytechnique de Paris



Palaiseau, September 1, 2025 – Institut Polytechnique de Paris (IP Paris) has announced the appointment of Jamal Atif as Vice President Research and Innovation. His role will be to define and steer the Institute's research and innovation strategy, with a view to further enhancing its scientific and technological excellence.

This appointment is part of the momentum initiated in July 2024 with the establishment of a new governance structure, designed to support the development of IP Paris and affirm its ambition to become a world-class science and technology institute. Jamal Atif joins the executive team on 1 September 2025, with recognised expertise in artificial intelligence and in the management of research programmes and scientific policies.

A strategic vision for IP Paris

At IP Paris, Jamal Atif's mission will be to promote high-level research, while also supporting the scientific risk-taking that enables the emergence of breakthrough innovations. He will also be working to make the Institute more attractive to top talent, both established and young researchers.

It will support research departments and interdisciplinary centres in their projects, focusing on research guided by the major challenges facing society - ecological transition, digital, health or defence. Its ambition is also to take IP Paris to the level set at its creation: to succeed as a major science and technology establishment of the 21st^e century, founded on a shared culture and a genuine continuum between science and innovation.

"The appointment of Jamal Atif as Vice-President Research and Innovation marks a major step forward in the strategic development of IP Paris. His first-rate scientific expertise, his experience in leading national projects in artificial intelligence and his ambitious vision for interdisciplinary research will enable our Institute to strengthen its excellence, attract the best talent and respond to the major societal challenges of our time," says Thierry Coulhon, President of Institut Polytechnique de Paris.

« I am honoured to be joining IP Paris and contributing to its ambition to become an institute of scientific and technological excellence. My aim is to create the conditions that will enable our researchers to produce research at the highest level and develop disruptive innovation to serve society », adds Jamal Atif.

A pathway to excellence in research and innovation

Prior to joining Institut Polytechnique de Paris, Jamal Atif, an outstanding professor of computer science, held the position of vice-president at Université Paris Dauphine - PSL since 2020. He was also deputy director of the PRAIRIE-PSAI AI cluster, responsible for creating the Paris School of AI within PSL, and scientific director for the CNRS at PEPR IA.

From 2016 to 2023, he helped design and implement national AI strategies, participating in major initiatives such as the Jean Zay supercomputer, the AISSAI centre and the Choose France Rising Talents programme. He also founded and directed the transversal Data programme at PSL, promoting the teaching of AI in all scientific disciplines, and the Dauphine Numérique programme, supporting interdisciplinary research.

His work in machine learning, focusing on robustness, algorithmic fairness and model security, has been published in over 120 international publications and conferences, and has won several awards, including international prizes. He has supervised more than fifteen doctoral students and heads the MILES (Machine Intelligence and Learning Systems) research team.

Composition of the executive team of the Institut Polytechnique de Paris

- Jamal Atif, Vice-President, Research and Innovation
- Laura Chaubard, Vice-President, Campus Life
- Élisabeth Crépon, Vice-President, Education and Student Life
- Christopher Cripps, Vice-President Europe and International
- François Dellacherie, Vice-President, Information Systems
- Sylvaine Neveu, Vice-President Corporate Partnerships

About Institut Polytechnique de Paris

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Institut Polytechnique de Paris (IP Paris) is a public higher education and research institution that brings together six leading French engineering schools: École polytechnique, ENSTA, École nationale des ponts et chaussées (ENPC), ENSAE Paris, Télécom Paris and Télécom SudParis. Together, these schools combine their expertise to offer excellent training and conduct top-level research.

Thanks to this unique academic and scientific base, IP Paris is establishing itself as a major player in science and technology in France and internationally.

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