



French Researcher Gets a \$3M Funding for New University Program at UCLA

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Professor **Laurent Pilon**, a mechanical and aerospace engineering professor and research director at UCLA, will coordinate a program funded by the **National Science Foundation**, focused on sustainable development and renewable energies, in order to prepare students to face the global challenges associated with urban migration and global warming. The 5-years program will allow the set up of a curriculum for postgraduate students.

Several units within the UCLA campus will participate in this multidisciplinary program, including **UCLA College**, the **Institute of the Environment and Sustainability**, and the **California NanoSystems Institute**.

This project is part of a major initiative, the **Sustainable LA Grand Challenge**, which aims at ensuring the Los Angeles County transition toward the **exclusive use of renewable energy** and **local spring water by 2050**. In April 2017, city mayor **Eric Garcetti**, and UCLA chancellor **Gene Block**, created the "**LA Sustainability Leadership Council**", which they co-chair.

This initiative highlights the commitment of both UCLA and the City of Los Angeles to sustainable development and the struggle against global warming.