

## ***Public Announcement***

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# **Origins Federation**

Researchers from four leading institutions are pleased to announce their intent to create a research consortium with the goal of facilitating efficient multidisciplinary and innovative collaborative research to advance our understanding of the emergence and early evolution of life, and its place in the cosmos.

The following centers establish the **Origins Federation**:

[The Origins of Life Initiative](#) (Harvard University),  
[Centre for Origin and Prevalence of Life](#) (ETH Zurich),  
[Center for the Origins of Life](#) (University of Chicago),  
[Leverhulme Centre for Life in the Universe](#) (University of Cambridge).

The Origins Federation will pursue scientific research topics of interest to its founding centers with a long-term perspective and common milestones. It will strive to establish a stable funding platform to create opportunities for creative and innovative ideas, and to enable young scientists to make a career in this new field.

The Origins Federation is open to new members, both centers and individuals, and is committed to developing the mechanisms and structure to achieve that aim.

The Origins Federation [inaugural science conference](#) will take place at Harvard University on September 12 – 15, 2023.