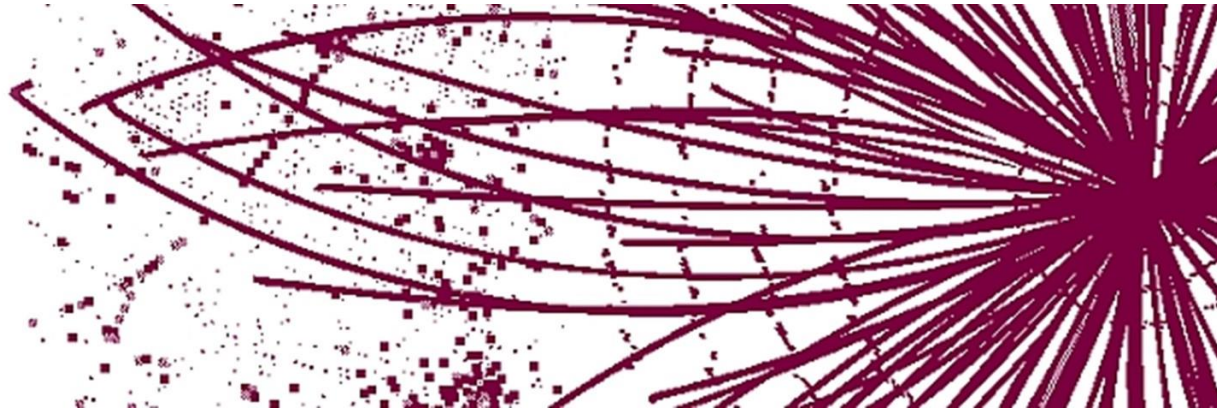




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# **Lithuanian Student Education on Experimental High-Energy Physics Challenges through the Software Development**

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# Outline

- NSF IMPRESS-U initiative
- Lithuanian participation in IMPRESS-U
- About IRIS-HEP
- Lithuanian fellows

- In 2023, the National Science Foundation (NSF, USA) announced International Multilateral Partnerships for Resilient Education and Science System in Ukraine (IMPRESS-U)
- A new collaboration with the following partners:
  - Estonia: Estonian Research Council (ETAG),
  - Latvia: Latvian Council of Science (LCS),
  - Lithuania: Research Council of Lithuania (LMTLT),
  - Poland: National Science Center (NCN) and Polish National Agency for Academic Exchange (NAWA),
  - Ukraine: National Research Foundation of Ukraine (NRFU),
  - USA: National Academy of Sciences (NAS),
  - USA: Office of Naval Research Global (ONRG) and private donors and foundations

- The goals of the partnership initiative are to:
  - Support excellence in science and engineering research, education, and innovation through international collaboration
  - Promote and catalyze integration of Ukrainian researchers in the global research community
- With this initiative, NSF invited visionary, ambitious, high quality collaborative research proposals that address scientific challenges in any field of science, engineering, or education
- It is expected that joint funding will be provided in such a way that each country funds its own scientists
- Website: <https://www.nsf.gov/od/oise/IntlCollaborations/Ukraine.jsp>

- Experimental Nuclear and Particle Physics Center at the Faculty of Physics of Vilnius University was invited by IRIS-HEP to participate in the project
  - “Extending research software collaborations in Particle Physics to Ukraine, Poland and Lithuania”
  - Project duration 2024-2026
- The international project was approved by the NSF
- Lithuanian scientists funded during 2024 June – 2026 May by LMTLT
  - Project No. S-IMPRESSU-24-4
- Deliverables:
  - 10 student internships (up to 3 months): 5 in 2024, 3 in 2025, and 2 in 2026
  - 10+10 reports by the interns (both oral and in writing)
  - 3 project disseminations at national and international conferences
- Project leaders: Andrius Juodagalvis (VU FF) and Valdas Rapševičius (VU MIF)



## Institute for Research and Innovation in Software for High Energy Physics (IRIS-HEP)

- IRIS-HEP is a software institute funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF) in USA
- It aims to develop the state-of-the-art software cyberinfrastructure required for the challenges of data intensive scientific research at the High Luminosity Large Hadron Collider (HL-LHC) at CERN, and other planned HEP experiments. These facilities are discovery machines which aim to understand the fundamental building blocks of nature and their interactions
- Website: <https://iris-hep.org/>

# Lithuanian IRIS-HEP fellows in 2024

- 5 VU students were sent to CERN in Summer 2024
  - <https://iris-hep.org/fellows.html>
  - Their project descriptions are given in their fellow profile
  - Students presented their work at “Lithuanians at CERN” meeting and at the “Final IRIS-HEP Fellows presentations” seminar series



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# IRIS-HEP Fellows Final Presentations

- Presentations were recorded and posted on youtube <https://www.youtube.com/@iris-hep>
- L. Ablašinskas and L. Gerlach, „Anomaly detection in the CMS L1 Trigger: Investigation of the effects of circular padding for convolutional neural networks over cyclic data“
  - no presentation
- A. Jurgaitytė and D. Lange, „Development of Clad Tutorials for CMS/HEP“
  - [https://indico.cern.ch/event/1449315/contributions/6101297/attachments/2942222/5169552/Austeja\\_Jurgaityte\\_IRIS\\_HEP\\_final\\_presentation.pdf](https://indico.cern.ch/event/1449315/contributions/6101297/attachments/2942222/5169552/Austeja_Jurgaityte_IRIS_HEP_final_presentation.pdf)
- G. Juškevičius and D. Lange, „Adding RNTuple to the Analysis Grand Challenge“
  - [https://indico.cern.ch/event/1455396/contributions/6126403/attachments/2930396/5145756/Giedrius\\_Juskevicius\\_iris\\_hep\\_fellowship.pdf](https://indico.cern.ch/event/1455396/contributions/6126403/attachments/2930396/5145756/Giedrius_Juskevicius_iris_hep_fellowship.pdf)
- J. Lemeševa and T. Szimko, „Improving latency and scalability of the user runtime job log collecting and exposure in REANA“
  - [https://indico.cern.ch/event/1449315/contributions/6101296/attachments/2942223/5169554/Jelizaveta\\_Lemeseva\\_IRIS-HEP\\_2024.pdf](https://indico.cern.ch/event/1449315/contributions/6101296/attachments/2942223/5169554/Jelizaveta_Lemeseva_IRIS-HEP_2024.pdf)
- R. Naina, J. Hajduga, and T. Szumlak, „Interface for Rapid Geometry Modelling and Exchange Between CAD Tools and Simulation Platforms Dedicated for HEP Experiments“
  - [https://indico.cern.ch/event/1449314/contributions/6101289/attachments/2928638/5141960/rimantas\\_naina\\_iris\\_hep.pdf](https://indico.cern.ch/event/1449314/contributions/6101289/attachments/2928638/5141960/rimantas_naina_iris_hep.pdf)



# Summary

- Undergraduate student participation in computer software development for HEP experimental needs introduces them to some challenges faced in HEP experiments
- Staying at CERN in an international environment exposes them also to experimental high-energy physics and multicultural science
- This gives a broader overview of HEP science than could be obtained while staying at home institution



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