“Planets similar to the Earth are extremely common in the universe, but can they host life?”

Dr. Xavier Dumusque

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The fellowship program is designed for researchers shortly after their PhD who are at home in natural sciences, social sciences and engineering but willing to move between different social and scientific contexts.

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