

Competition for a research scholarship for a Master's student as part of the NCN project 2022/45/P/ST3/00467.

Project title: *Interacting networks of liquid light*

Project manager: dr. Helgi Sigurðsson

Project website: <https://sites.google.com/view/liquid-light/home>

Name of the unit: University of Warsaw, Faculty of Physics

Number of positions: 1

Duration of the scholarship: 17 months.

Start of the scholarship: 01/11/2023

Salary of the scholarship: The total cost of the scholarship: PLN 2,000 per month for one person (the amount may include public and legal charges in accordance with applicable regulations, e.g. ZUS)

The scholarship is awarded in accordance with the rules contained in the Regulations of NCN scholarships in research projects financed by the National Science Center introduced by the resolution of the Council of the National Science Center No. 25/2019 of 14 March 2019

Task description:

We are seeking a responsible and driven individual for a position of a MSc physics student (theory) at the Faculty of Physics, University of Warsaw as part of the NCN project “*Interacting Networks of Liquid Light*” in the field of condensed matter physics, quantum light-matter physics, and cavity polaritonics (project no: 2022/45/P/ST3/00467).

The MSc student will be registered in physics within the Institute of Experimental Physics at the University of Warsaw. They will be working at the institute under the supervision of Dr. Helgi Sigurðsson, adiunkt. The work is also done in close collaboration with the Exciton-Polariton Group at the institute, co-led by prof. Barbara Piętka and prof. Jacek Szczytko.

The student's work will focus on semiconductor nanostructures and microcavities which host hybrid light-matter quasiparticles known as exciton-polaritons. The overarching aim of the project is to underpin the quality and advantages of optically programmable large-scale networks of exciton-polariton Bose-Einstein condensates as a platform to explore many body physics in quantum fluids driven far from equilibrium.

The student will work on a project workpackage titled „*Liquid light neuromorphic computing*”. The work involves development of novel theoretical frameworks on coupled exciton-polariton Bose-Einstein condensates, analysis on their dynamical properties, and providing numerical modeling for experimental partners in the project. The student will explore and characterize the role of networks of coupled polariton condensates in nature-inspired analogue and oscillatory based neural-networks. The project involves identifying key degrees of freedom of polariton condensates which can serve as memory placeholders and process input information in a brain-like manner.

Requirements:

- Good familiarity with classical and quantum mechanics, condensed matter physics, electrodynamics and optics.
- Familiarity with the propagation of light in waveguides and optical microcavities is ideal but not necessary.
- Numerical modeling skills in solving ODEs and PDEs.
- Programming skills (Matlab, Mathematica, or Python software preferred).
- Ability to analyze and visualize data.
- Participation in the research of optical cavities will be an advantage.
- Proficiency in written and spoken English and ability to work in a team.
- The candidate should be a final year bachelor or master student at the Military University of Technology or at the Faculty of Physics of the University of Warsaw.

The application should include:

- cover letter with information on the processing of personal data - information clause and consent clause - form attached to the advertisement. In the case of an e-mail application in PDF format, it should contain a scanned signature.
- curriculum vitae containing information on previous scientific activity, achievements and awards
- list of publications (also sent) and conference presentations
- copies of diplomas obtained
- copy of bachelor's or engineer's thesis (if the student is on master's studies)
- contact to a researcher who can confirm the declared experience in laboratory and/or theoretical work.
- a student can attach a copy of reports from student classes (workshops, projects, etc.) documenting the experience in laboratory or theoretical work.

Deadline for submission of documents: 10/10/2023

Interview date: 11/10 – 20/10/2023

Form of submitting offers: e-mail to the following address: Helgi Sigurdsson – helgi.sigurdsson@fuw.edu.pl.

Selected candidates will be notified individually about the date of a possible interview.

In the event of resignation of the selected candidate, the right to indicate the next candidate from the ranking list is reserved.

Information relating to personal data processing

1. Personal Data Controller

Pursuant to Article 13 of the Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Directive 95/46/EC (General Data Protection Regulation) (hereinafter referred to as "GDPR"), the Controller of your personal data is the University of Warsaw, 26/28 Krakowskie Przedmieście, 00-927 Warsaw.

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The Controller has appointed a Data Protection Officer (DPO who may be contacted about matters concerning your personal data via e-mail at: iod@adm.uw.edu.pl. You may contact the DPO in all the matters regarding the processing of your personal data by the University of Warsaw and executing your rights related to personal data processing.

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- establishment, enforcement or defense of potential contractual claims – for a period of three years from the expiry of the contract (legal basis: Article 6(1)(f) of the GDPR);
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Your personal data may also be shared with parties authorized pursuant to the provisions of law, .e.g. the National Science Center. Access to your personal data shall also be granted to authorized employees of the Controller who must process your personal data as part of their professional tasks and duties.

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Your personal data may also be processed by Google, our G-Suite for education service provider at their data processing centers.¹

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(Place and date)

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(Candidate's signature)

1 <https://www.google.com/about/datacenters/locations/index.html>