 

# ADAM MICKIEWICZ UNIVERSITY, POZNAN

ANNOUNCES A COMPETITION

for the position of **PhD Student (scholarship)**

at the Faculty of Physics and Astronomy

**Basic information**

1. Research discipline (research field): **PHYSICS/MATERIAL ENGINEERING**
2. Type of employment contract and expected duration of employment: **Scholarship (4 years)**
3. Anticipated job starting date: **01.11.2025.**
4. Salary/Scholarship: **5000 PLN/month (24 months) and after the mid-term evaluation 6500 PLN/month (24 months)**
5. Application deadline: **30.09.2025. Electronic submission to** [**bartlomiej.graczykowski@amu.edu.pl**](mailto:bartlomiej.graczykowski@amu.edu.pl)**.**

**Please use the reference number** **2024/55/B/ST5/02212** **in the application email.**

1. **Required documents:**

* **A copy of a master's degree in physical sciences or materials engineering** issued by authorized institutions recognized in the Republic of Poland (Kwalifikator NAWA, <https://kwalifikator.nawa.gov.pl/> ).Diplomas or certificates issued by colleges and universities attesting to education and degrees or titles held (in case of academic degrees obtained abroad - the documents must meet the equivalence criteria set out in Article 328 of the Act of 20 July 2018 Law on Higher Education and Science (Journal of Laws of 2022, item 574 i.e. as amended; Polish: Dziennik Ustaw 2021 poz.478);

* **Scientific Curriculum Vitae**(max. 4 pages A4);
* The application procedure will be carried via the AMU Doctoral School:

<https://usosirk.amu.edu.pl/en-gb/offer/SD-2025/programme/SD-NFiz-G16/?from=field:DS010605N>

* Consent to the processing of personal data as follows: *In accordance with Article 6 (1) (a) of the General Data Protection Regulation of 27 April 2016. (OJ EU L 119/1 of 4 May 2016) I consent to the processing of personal data other than: first name, (first names) and surname; parents' first names; date of birth; place of residence (mailing address); education; previous employment history, included in my job offer for the purpose of the current recruitment.";*
* **IMPORTANT: We will consider only applications with the signed RODO Information Clause**

**Conditions of the competition determined by the competition** **committee**

1. **Job Offer description**

We are offering a PhD position focused on the study of **ferroelectric nematic (NF) liquid crystals**—a new class of soft materials that combine fluid-like properties with polar molecular ordering. These materials exhibit extraordinary responsiveness to electric fields and external stimuli, along with unique optical and structural behaviors. However, their mechanical fragility and low durability currently limit real-world applications.

The goal of this PhD project is to explore and optimize the **mechanical performance** and **stimulus responsiveness** of NF materials, especially when embedded in **ultrathin, flexible polymer membranes** that provide structural support without compromising functional properties.

**Key research tasks include:**

1. Evaluating NF materials as miniaturized optical and electrical **sensors and actuators**.
2. Characterizing their **dynamic response** to external stimuli (electric fields, temperature, light, humidity).
3. Investigating **mechanical behavior** under confinement and across temperature ranges.
4. Enhancing **stability and performance** for integration into practical devices.

The project combines **materials science, soft matter physics, and nanotechnology**, offering hands-on experience with advanced fabrication, characterization techniques, and device prototyping. This research opens a path toward next-generation innovative materials, fast-response interfaces, and microrobotic components.

**In particular, the PhD Student will be responsible for:**

* Design and development of the optical setup for the BLS examination of fibers and membranes.
* Day-to-day laboratory work on sample preparation and examination by Brillouin Light Scattering.
* Reporting, preparation of manuscripts for publication, and public presentation of results.
* Short-term secondments in the partner institutions of the project.

The job offer refers to the position in the NCN OPUS project (National Science Center) (2024/55/B/ST5/02212 ).

1. **Requirements and qualifications**

The competition is open to individuals who meet the requirements specified in Article 113 of the Law on Higher Education and Science of 20 July 2018 (Journal of Laws of 2022, item 574, i.e. Article 113 as amended) and who meet the following requirements:

* + - * MSc title in physical sciences or material engineering issued by authorized institutions recognized in the Republic of Poland (NAWA Qualifier, <https://kwalifikator.nawa.gov.pl/>).
      * Basic knowledge of solid mechanics, polymer physics, heat transfer, and nanofabrication.
      * English language proficiency (C1 level or higher).
      * Independence, good work organization, and teamwork skills.
      * Availability: the project includes research in project partner teams.
      * Knowledge of software such as Mathematica, Matlab (or LabView), OriginLab, COMSOL, CorelDraw, and LaTex.

1. **Eligibility criteria and the selection process:**

Selection procedure will be carried according to:

* + - 1. **Annex to** **NCN Council Resolution No 25/2024 of 4 March 2024:** <https://www.ncn.gov.pl/sites/default/files/pliki/uchwaly-rady/2024/uchwala25_2024-zal1_ang.pdf>
      2. **AMU Poznan Doctoral School regulations:** <https://usosirk.amu.edu.pl/en-gb/offer/SD-2025/programme/SD-NFiz-G16/?from=field:DS010605N>

**RODO Information Clause :**

Pursuant to Article 13 of the General Data Protection Regulation of 27 April 2016. (Official Journal of the EU L 119 of 04.05.2016) we inform that:

1. The controller of your personal data is Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań with the official seat: ul. Henryka Wieniawskiego 1, 61 - 712 Poznań.
2. The personal data controller has appointed a Data Protection Officer overseeing the correctness of the processing of personal data, who can be contacted via e-mail: iod@amu.edu.pl.
3. The purpose of processing your personal data is to carry out the recruitment process for the indicated job position.
4. The legal basis for the processing of your personal data is Article 6(1)(a) of the General Data Protection Regulation of 27 April 2016 and the Labour Code of 26 June 1974. (Journal of Laws of 1998 N21, item 94 as amended).
5. Your personal data will be stored for a period of 6 months from the end of the recruitment process.
6. Your personal data will not be made available to other entities, with the exception of entities authorized by law. Access to your data will be given to persons authorized by the Controller to process them in the performance of their duties.
7. You have the right to access your data and, subject to the law, the right to rectification, erasure, restriction of processing, the right to data portability, the right to object to processing, the right to withdraw consent at any time.
8. You have the right to lodge a complaint to the supervisory authority - the Chairman of the Office for Personal Data Protection, ul.Stawki 2, 00 - 193 Warsaw.
9. Providing personal data is mandatory under the law, otherwise it is voluntary.
10. Your personal data will not be processed by automated means and will not be subject to profiling.