

SCHOLARSHIP OFFER

Position in the project:	PhD Student in Cheminformatics
Scientific discipline:	Computer Science / Technical Computer Science / Computational Chemistry
Job type (employment contract/scholarship):	Scholarship
Number of job offers:	1
Remuneration:	5000 PLN net per month
Position starts on:	Not earlier than 1 st November 2025
Maximum period of contract/scholarship agreement:	35 months
Institution:	Jagiellonian University, Cracow
Project leader:	Bartosz Zieliński
Project title:	Interpretable and Interactive Multimodal Retrieval in the Drug Discovery <i>Project is being carried out within the First Team FENG programme of the Foundation for Polish Science</i>
Project description:	The drug discovery process is complex, requiring substantial financial investment and many years of work to bring a new drug to market. One way to shorten the time and reduce the costs of this process is through artificial intelligence. This approach can reduce the number of failures in clinical trials and facilitate the exploration of the chemical compound space. In this project, we propose utilizing tools based on knowledge retrieval and interactive, interpretable machine learning to increase the



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	efficiency of the drug discovery process. The developed tool will be able to analyze images of cellular events, such as those obtained in the CellPainting (CP) protocol, and identify potential small-molecule drugs that can induce specific cellular events. It will make drug discovery, such as hit identification, virtual screening, and drug repurposing, faster and more cost-effective. We will collaborate with Matthias Zeppelzaur, an expert in knowledge retrieval, and Ardigen SA, a global leader in AI-based services for pharmaceutical companies. Ardigen also develops phenAID software, which enables advanced analysis of images obtained using the CP protocol.
Key responsibilities include:	1. Planning and conducting computational experiments on deep learning models for small molecules; 2. Implementing novel training techniques and interpretable models; 3. Searching public databases for compound annotations; 4. Analyzing and visualizing results; 5. Preparing manuscripts; 6. Presenting scientific data at international conferences.
Profile of candidates/requirements:	1. MSc degree in Computer Science, Computational Chemistry, or a related field; 2. PhD student status required during the contract period; 3. Experience in cheminformatics modeling or deep learning for graphs; 4. Practical experience in the analysis of scientific data; 5. Proficiency in programming with Python; 6. Familiarity with the drug discovery process; 7. Ability to work on interdisciplinary projects; 8. Fluency in both written and spoken English.
Required documents:	1. Motivation letter; 2. Curriculum vitae; 3. Documents verifying experience and background; 4. Recommendation from a scientific supervisor.
We offer:	1. A 35-month scholarship, subject to periodic evaluation; 2. Scientific and organizational support; 3. Opportunities to work within an interdisciplinary research team publishing in top-tier conferences and journals (see https://gmum.net/).
Please submit the documents to:	dorota.ramotowska@uj.edu.pl
Application deadline:	October 5 th 2025



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General rules of the recruitment process:	1. Candidates may apply simultaneously for all positions offered by the project, but it must be indicated on the application form. 2. The decision will be made by the Recruitment Committee of the Faculty of Mathematics and Computer Science at the Jagiellonian University. 3. The Recruitment Committee reserves the right to invite only selected candidates for an interview, which take place on October 7, 2025. 4. The Recruitment Committee also reserves the right to close the competition without selecting a candidate. 5. The results of the competition will be announced before October 31st, 2025.
For more details about the position please visit:	xaipaint.matinf.uj.edu.pl
Euraxess job/scholarship offer:	PhD Student (EURAXESS Scholarship Offer id: https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/jobs/374665)



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3. Your personal data will be processed in order to:
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