

## Competition notice

### PRELUDIUM BIS

Project title: Responsive hiErarchic nanOcomPositEs for chiral plasmONics (REOPEN)

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#### Project description

Chiral nanomaterials (plasmonic, liquid crystalline), owing to their strong interaction with light and chiral structure, can be used to build next generations of optoelectronic devices. The aim of the project is to develop methods of obtaining chiral materials made of metal nanoparticles and to develop unique technology for searching for new chiral liquid crystalline phases. As part of the project, the PhD student's task will be to synthesize a number of new organic compounds. On the one hand, compounds with great potential for the formation of chiral liquid crystalline phases, serving as a matrix for arranging plasmonic nanoparticles into a chiral structure. On the other hand, chiral surface ligands for nanoparticles that after grafting them onto nanoparticles can induce chirality of liquid crystal phases composed of achiral components. Molecular modeling will be used to design the structure of the obtained compounds. An important element of the work will also be obtaining metal nanoparticles and physicochemical tests using a number of techniques, including electron microscopy, atomic force microscopy, polarizing microscopy, or X-ray methods.

#### Requirement

The call is open to all those who are not PhD holders and are not students at the doctoral schools.

- higher education in chemistry or related. One can apply during the last year of undergraduate studies if the defense of the MSc diploma thesis is planned before September, 24th 2021.
- experience in the synthesis, purification and characterization of organic compounds / nanoparticle synthesis and physicochemical research is welcomed,
- evidence of previous scientific activity, such as: publications, participation in research projects, posters and presentations, participation in conferences, scholarships, awards, distinctions is welcomed,
- experience in working with liquid crystal composite materials is welcome,
- strong motivation to work, creativity, responsibility, teamwork, communication skills and willingness to learn,
- knowledge of the English language.

**Discipline:** chemical sciences

**Admission limit:** 1

### **Recruitment schedule**

- registration in the Internet Registration of Candidates, referred to as "IRK", submitting an application to the IRK: 16 August – 30 August 2021
- qualification procedure: 01 September – 06 September 2021
- announcement of the ranking list: until 09 September 2021
- accepting documents from qualified candidates: 10 September – 24 September 2021, until 2 p.m.
- announcement of the list of accepted candidates: until 28 September 2021

### **Recruitment fee**

150 PLN

### **Form of the qualification proceedings**

Qualification proceedings include the assessment of the following items:

- 1) the candidate's scientific activity, based on their CV or Resume, documented by scans of materials attached to the application for admission to the School;
- 2) an interview with the candidate;
- 3) other achievements.

### **Language of the selection process, including the interview**

The interview shall be carried out in Polish or English – in accordance with the candidate's preferences presented in IRK. If the Polish language is selected, the interview may include parts in English.

### **Required documents**

The candidate shall submit a School admission application only through the IRK. The application shall include the following:

- 1) indication of the selected discipline in which the candidate plans to pursue education, PESEL number or passport number, nationality, contact information (residence address, e-mail address, telephone number), information whether the candidate agrees to receive administrative decisions by means of electronic communication, consent for processing of personal data for the purposes of the admissions procedure;
- 2) a scan of the graduation diploma of uniform master's degree or postgraduate studies or an equivalent diploma obtained under separate regulations. In the case of a diploma equivalent to a uniform master's degree or postgraduate studies graduation diploma, a candidate shall justify such equivalence. In case the diploma was issued in a language other than Polish or English, the candidate shall attach its certified translation;
- 3) a resume or CV outlining the candidate's scientific activity, including scholarly interests and achievements during the five calendar years preceding the application (if a candidate became a parent during this time, as evidenced by a scan of the child's birth certificate attached to the application, this period shall be extended by two years for each child), including, but not limited to:
  - publications,
  - research and organizational work at student research groups,
  - participation in scientific conferences,
  - participation in research projects,
  - awards and honorable mentions,

- research internships,
  - research skills training programs completed,
  - activities promoting science,
  - activity in science movement representative bodies,
  - average of their university grades,
  - professional career,
  - level of proficiency in foreign languages;
- 4) scans of materials evidencing scientific activity mentioned in their CV and/or resume;
  - 5) a document confirming at least B2 proficiency level in English or a declaration of the level of proficiency in English allowing education at the School;
  - 6) the scan of a declaration by the planned supervisor, confirming their agreement to undertake the duties of a supervisor and of the number of doctoral students, for whom they perform the duties a designated supervisor, in accordance with the template constituting Appendix no.4 to the Resolution no. 17 of the Senate of the University of Warsaw of 20th January 2021 on rules of admission to doctoral schools at the University of Warsaw (the University of Warsaw Monitor of 2021, item 13, as amended), the candidate may also attach a scan of their planned supervisor's opinion and opinions of other academics about the candidate and their scientific activity;
  - 7) the photograph of a candidate's face that allows for their identification;
  - 8) a declaration confirming whether the candidate was or is a doctoral student or a participant of doctoral studies or whether they have initiated a doctoral dissertation process or whether proceedings to award them a doctoral degree have been initiated – and if yes, the title of their doctoral dissertation or the research project prepared by a candidate, including the name and last name of the candidate's tutor or supervisor;
  - 9) a declaration confirming that they have reviewed the Resolution no. 17 of the Senate of the University of Warsaw of 20th January 2021 on rules of admission to doctoral schools at the University of Warsaw (the University of Warsaw Monitor of 2021, item 13, as amended) and Articles 40 and 41 of the Code of Administrative Procedure;
  - 10) scanned transcripts of records of the graduate and postgraduate studies or the uniform Master's degree studies, or equivalent documents (e.g. diploma supplement);
  - 11) abstract of the master's thesis or master's project in English (up to 3,000 characters with spaces);

### **Evaluation criteria**

- a) competencies to perform specific tasks in a research project (70% of the final score)
  - 3 points - very good
  - 2 points – good
  - 1 point – poor
  - 0 points - no competencies
- b) publication track record, including publications in renowned scientific papers / magazines (30% of the final score)
  - 4 points – prominent
  - 3 points - very good
  - 2 points – good
  - 1 point – poor
  - 0 points - no publication track record

### **Education program**

The education lasts 4 years. It includes obligatory classes (no more than 300 hours in total during the whole period of education) and the implementation of an individual research program, carried out under the supervision of a supervisor. Beginning of education – October 1, 2021.

### **Scholarships**



PRELUDIUM BIS doctoral scholarships shall amount to:

- PLN 5,000 gross gross per month, by the month in which a PhD student's mid-term evaluation is performed at the doctoral school and
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shall be awarded pursuant to the Act on Higher Education and Science of 20 July 2018.

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