



Experimental and Translational Immunology group (DGO lab)  
at the Intercollegiate Faculty of Biotechnology in Gdansk, Poland



## Offer: PhD student

**Experimental and Translational Immunology group (DGO lab)** seeks to recruit a talented and passionate **PhD student** to work in the field of immunology. More details about the PI and the research group at: [www.dgo.ug.edu.pl](http://www.dgo.ug.edu.pl)



### **Project description:**

Allergic diseases often occur in a pattern of the so-called "allergic march"; the significant role of atopic dermatitis has been proven (AD) as an initiating factor in asthma and inflammation in distant tissues. In our research, we have identified abnormal communication between the skin and the immune system in AD, and specifically, the role of small extracellular vesicles (sEV), produced by diseased keratinocytes, in exacerbating allergic inflammation in the disease.

Since sEVs are transferred in the body with circulation, in the study entitled: **"The role of skin-derived small extracellular vesicles (sEVs) in the progression of allergic march and novel vesicle-based preventive strategy" (FENG.02.02-IP.05-0332/23)**, conducted by the Principal Investigator, **Danuta Gutowska-Owsiak, prof. UG** we want to investigate the involvement of those vesicles in promoting allergic inflammation outside the skin, contributing to the progression of allergic march. This prestigious project includes both *in vitro* and *in vivo models* and is carried out in collaboration with Prof. Graham Ogg, the scientific partner from the University of Oxford.

The funding for this exciting project was obtained within the FIRST TEAM programme of the Foundation for Polish Science co-financed by the European Union under the FENG Programme (The European Funds for Smart Economy 2021-2027), FENG.02.02-IP.05-0332/23.

### **Details of employment:**

Full-time, up to 4 years (depending on the final project length)

Gross PhD stipend: 5 000 PLN/month

Preferred starting date: November 2025 (negotiable)

### **Responsibilities:**

1. Designing, planning, and carrying out experimental work under the supervision of Principal Investigator, maintaining regular and complete research notes;
2. Scientific initiative and contribution through regular reporting and contribution to publishing, as well as presenting at group meetings, national and international conferences, as required;
3. Providing help to other members of the group;
4. Contribution to the efficient functioning of the lab, incl. administrative and organizational tasks as a part of the team.

### **Requirements:**

1. MSc in immunology, biology, biotechnology, medical biology or similar;
2. Proven hands-on experience in tissue culture, mammalian cells; immunology (ELISpot, ELISA, Flow cytometry), and molecular biology techniques (e.g., proteomics, mass spec);
3. Interest in immunology and allergy;
4. Passion, ambition, and motivation for scientific development;
5. Ability to work independently, in a team, and in collaborative projects;
6. Very good English language skills (written and oral) as required for scientific environment;

7. The candidate must be enrolled in the PhD program of the Intercollegiate Biotechnology Doctoral School of University of Gdańsk and Medical University of Gdańsk on the starting day of employment

Desirable:

- Hands-on experience with extracellular vesicles, immunofluorescence, transfection and CRISPR.

**We offer:**

1. The opportunity to contribute to an exciting research project in collaboration with world-leading scientists;
2. Excellent opportunity to extend and enrich personal scientific career track and acquiring multidisciplinary skills;
3. Opportunity to work in one of the best research institutions in Poland;
4. Supportive environment and opportunity to realize research ambitions;
5. Personal development of transferable skills;

Required documents:

- CV (in English) documenting achievements, scientific degrees, publications, technical skills, research stays and other relevant experience;
  - Document confirming the scientific degree;
  - Cover letter (in English) outlining motivation to join the project and the most important scientific achievement of the candidate;
  - Details of at least two individuals willing to provide references for the candidate.
- Please include in your application: "I hereby give consent for my personal data included in my application to be processed for the purposes of the recruitment process under the Personal Data Protection Act as of 29 August 1997, consolidated text: Journal of Laws 2016, item 922 as amended."

**Deadline for submitting documents:** 17<sup>th</sup> October 2025

**Interviews for selected candidates:** 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025

Applications and informal enquires: [danuta.gutowska-owski@ug.edu.pl](mailto:danuta.gutowska-owski@ug.edu.pl); more details: [www.dgo.ug.edu.pl](http://www.dgo.ug.edu.pl)

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