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**Postdoctoral position in p53 and cancer therapy.**

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*Department of Biochemistry, Medical University of Warsaw, Poland brings together basic and clinical competences to pursue high quality research improving the understanding of mechanisms of human diseases including cancer.*

**Your mission**

A postdoctoral researcher position financed by National Science Centre, OPUS 20, is now open for a highly-motivated and skilled scientist with a strong background in molecular and cell biology, and/or cancer biology to join Prof. Joanna Zawacka's Team.

The main objective of Prof. Zawacka's Team is basic and translational cancer research, and the postdoctoral researcher will study the mechanisms and outcomes of reactivation of p53 protein family members by repurposed drugs alone and drug combinations using pre-clinical models of lung cancer.

The position involves application of the various methods through national and international collaborations. Additionally, you will be responsible for supervision of students.

Your main task is to decipher the mechanism and cellular outcomes of reactivation of p53 proteins by pharmacological means. To address this, you will apply biochemical and biophysical assays and utilize relevant cellular model systems and will perform state-of-the-art functional genomics and gene editing studies.

The work may also require the use of pre-clinical mouse models for lung cancer.

The purpose of the studies is to understand the mechanisms underlying reactivation of the p53 pathway by selected repurposed drugs and targeted drugs in lung cancer and to identify novel therapeutic targets that are synthetic lethal with mutant p53.

The position will offer a highly collaborative environment in which you will be working in teams consisting of academic colleagues from various research groups.

The right candidate should have practical experience in some of the aforementioned techniques. You will also be given the opportunity to participate in national and international scientific meetings, courses and in-house trainings.

## **Your profile**

A person is eligible to be appointed postdoctoral researcher if he or she has been awarded a Degree of Doctor.

## **Bases of assessment**

The applicant is expected to hold a Ph.D., and have a broad knowledge in molecular, cell and cancer biology. The candidate should be able to show productivity in terms of published papers as first author and have experience in leading scientific projects in the academic setting and in training and mentoring students.

## **Specific entry requirements and personal qualities**

- Ph.D. degree, in tumor biology or biochemistry (or equivalent) obtained within the last 7 years.
- Fluent in spoken and written English.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills.
- Hands on experience in molecular biology techniques including cell culture, western blotting, gene silencing (e.g. CRISPR-Cas9/shRNA technology), drug combinations screens, detection of cell death, migration and invasion assays, gene expression analysis and fluorescent microscopy.
- Basic knowledge in bioinformatic analysis and FACS is an important merit.
- Ability to work independently and in the team.
- Engagement and flexibility are important personal characteristics for the post.

## **Required documents and declaration (in English only):**

Application should be written in English and sent to Prof. Joanna Zawacka at **Joanna.zawacka-pankau@wum.edu.pl** and should contain the following documents:

- Cover letter (including research interest and justification of application for the position)
- A complete curriculum vitae, including date of the thesis defence, title of the thesis, previous academic positions, academic title, current position, academic distinctions, and committee work (two pages).
- List of publications with DOI.
- A summary of current work (no more than one page).
- Copy of PhD diploma in English.
- Declaration about authorization for personal data processing:  
“I hereby authorize you to process my personal data included in my job application for the needs of the recruitment process (in accordance with the Personal Data Protection Act, Journal of Laws of 2002, no 101, item 926 as amended)”

## **Conditions of employment**

The position remains open until filled.

Planned starting date as soon as possible.

Competitive salary commensurate with the candidate experience.

The position is offered for 24 months with the possibility of extension with an initial probation period of 6 months.

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