

Jastrzębiec, 13.08.2026

Call for a Doctoral Scholarship
funded by the National Science Center as part of the project „Cerebral and behavioural lateralization in animal emotions: implications for translational research”
no 2025/57/B/NZ8/00408

Institute name: Institute of Genetics and Animal Biotechnology of the Polish Academy of Sciences in Jastrzębiec n/Warsaw

Position: PhD candidate

Requirements for the candidate:

1. MSc degree or equivalent in animal science, ecology, biology or similar (or obtaining such degree by September 30);
2. High motivation for scientific work;
3. Fluency in English speech and writing;
4. Strong interest in animal behaviour. Experience with pigs or sheep is a pre;
5. Knowledge and skills in the use of laboratory techniques are welcome;
6. Flexibility and willingness to work in and travel to different countries (Poland, UK);
7. General competences - good organization of work, including the ability to work independently as well as working in an interdisciplinary research team, creative thinking, precision and conscientiousness.

Discipline: animal science and fisheries

Research topic: Lateralization in early life development and behavioural responses in pigs and sheep.

Description of tasks:

The PhD candidate will be assigned to the Doctoral School of the Institute, which has compulsory PhD level courses related to the PhD programme. The candidate will study and work in a highly multidisciplinary and international environment. The project will focus on behavioural lateralization in pigs and sheep. The tasks include data collection in Poland, data collection from existing videos, data analysis, and writing of scientific publications.

Responsibilities in the project:

- behavioural observations on pigs and sheep
- data analyses
- writing of scientific publications
- participation in scientific conferences
- attending compulsory PhD courses offered by the doctoral school

Type of the NCN call: OPUS 29

Deadline for submitting applications: August 27, 2026

Candidate selection deadline: September 18, 2026

Form of submitting applications: e-mail

Duration of scholarship: 48 months

Gross scholarship: 5000 PLN/month (prior to the midterm evaluation), 6500 PLN/month (following the midterm evaluation)

Planned date of commencement of work in the project: **October 1, 2026**

Contact: For questions regarding this position or the application, contact the project's lead professor Irene Camerlink, i.camerlink@igbzpan.pl

Additional information:

1. The competition application should contain:
 - a. Cover letter with a description of scientific/research interests (maximum one A4 page)
 - b. CV with particular emphasis on scientific achievements.
 - c. A copy of the graduation diploma or information about the approximate time of obtaining the master's degree.
 - d. Information on the processing of personal data along with consent (signed scan)
 - e. Contact details of persons who can provide references.
2. This admissions procedure is equivalent to the admissions process for the Doctoral School of Animal and Health Sciences at IGAB PAS. Doctoral students admitted to the Doctoral School are required to comply with the School regulations <https://www.igbzpan.pl/uploaded/FSiBundleContentBlockBundleModelTranslatableBlockTranslatableFilesElement/filePath/2807/regulamin-szkoly-doktorskiej-nauk-o-zwierzetach-i-zdrowiu2026.pdf>
3. Documents should be sent by e-mail to the following addresses: i.camerlink@igbzpan.pl (professor Irene Camerlink; PI's email) and application@igbzpan.pl (Message Subject: Application OPUS29 PhD - *Name and Surname of the candidate*) by **August 27, 2026**.
4. Selected Candidates meeting the formal and project requirements will be invited for an interview. Information regarding the interview will be sent to the invited candidates by e-mail.
5. Please be advised that the Institute of Genetics and Animal Biotechnology of the Polish Academy of Sciences does not return submitted documents.

The scholarship is awarded in accordance with the rules set out in the Regulations on the Award of Research Scholarships of the National Science Centre, adopted by Resolution No. 25/2024 of the Council of the National Science Centre dated 4 March 2024.

The Institute of Genetics and Animal Biotechnology of the Polish Academy of Sciences has the HR Excellence in Research logo awarded by the European Commission to institutions which implement rules of the "European Charter for Researchers" and the "Code of Conduct for the Recruitment of Researchers".

INFORMATION OBLIGATION

1. The administrator of personal data collected during the recruitment process is the Institute of Genetics and Animal Biotechnology of the Polish Academy of Sciences, entered into the register of institutes of the Polish Academy of Sciences (kept by the Polish Academy of Sciences) under the number RIN-V-32/98, NIP no. 1230018381, REGON no. 000326196, address: Jastrzębiec, ul. Postępu 36A, 05-552 Magdalenka.



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2. Personal data provided to the Administrator by the participants of the recruitment process will be processed in accordance with the provisions of the Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council (EU) 2016/679 of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Directive 95/46/EC (General Data Protection Regulation) (OJ.EU.L. of 2016 No. 119/1, hereinafter referred to as "**GDPR**").
3. According to art. 5, 6, 7 and 13 of GDPR, the Administrator informs that:
 - a. Personal data provided by the participant of the recruitment process will be processed on the basis of art. 6 par. 1 letter a) of GDPR, i.e. on the basis of their consent and pursuant to art. 22¹ of the act of 26 June 1974 Labour Code (Journal of Laws 2018.917).
 - b. The following personal data are processed during the recruitment process: first name(s) and surname, image, names of parents, date of birth, place of residence (correspondence address), education, other personal details of the employee, including names and surnames and dates of birth of the employee's children if such data is necessary for the employee's use of special rights provided for in the labour law, the employee's PESEL number assigned by the Government Information Center of the Universal Electronic System for Registration of the Population (RCI PESEL), telephone number and e-mail address.
 - c. The person involved in the recruitment process has the right to request access to personal data, correct or remove it, as well as limit its processing, oppose to data processing, the right to transfer data and the right to submit a complaint to the supervisory body.
 - d. The person participating in the recruitment process has the right to withdraw consent to the processing of data at any time, which does not affect the legality of the processing which had been carried out on the basis of consent granted before its withdrawal.
 - e. Providing personal data by a person participating in the recruitment process is voluntary, however, the failure to provide it may prevent this process from being carried out.
4. In all matters related to the processing of personal data of persons participating in the recruitment process, please contact the Institute in writing at the following address: daneosobowe@igbzpan.pl.