

FORM FOR EMPLOYERS

INSTITUTION: **Center for Theoretical Physics, Polish Academy of Sciences**

CITY: **Warsaw**

POSITION: **PhD Candidate – Research Assistant in Quantum Computing with Polaritons (f/m/x)** DISCIPLINE: **Physical Sciences**

POSTED: **2026-05-22**

EXPIRES: **2026-06-22**

WEBSITE: <https://www.cft.edu.pl>

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PhD Candidate – Research Assistant in Quantum Computing with Polaritons (f/m/x)

Ref. Number: MAB/17/2026

Location: Warsaw, Poland

Salary: 9 600 PLN/month gross (employment contract: 1 FTE; full social security and health insurance)

Number of positions available: 1

Work Arrangement: Hybrid

Position available as soon as possible and runs until the end of 2029.

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Important Dates:

1. Application deadline: 22.06.2026.
2. Candidates will be informed about the results by the end of July.

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About the project and us



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The *Center for Quantum-Enabled Computing* project's overarching objective is to address several key challenges in the field of computing by paving the way to a verifiable, energy-efficient, reliable, and scalable computational advantage based on quantum systems.

Project's website: <http://c4qec.cft.edu.pl>

The successful candidate will join the Semiconductor Polariton Group led by Prof. Michał Matuszewski. The research activities of the group are centered on the development of ultra-fast and energy-efficient computing systems based on light-matter coupling interactions in semiconductors, in particular physical neural networks.

Such activities are pursued from two perspectives. The first one uses a semiclassical approach to find the optimal conditions (materials, sample geometry, etc.) to highlight the quantum properties of exciton-polaritons (pseudo-particles that arise from the strong coupling between a photon and an exciton); for instance, by enhancing their nonlinear character. The second approach is based on the quantum description of the polaritons and the search for technological applications. Thus, using either approximate or exact quantum optical methods, we can explore fundamental quantum regimes, such as the polariton blockade, or develop fully-fledged quantum processors based on neuromorphic physical systems.

The Center for Quantum-Enabled Computing is a part of the [Center for Theoretical Physics of the Polish Academy of Sciences \(CTP PAS\)](#) which is a research institute that conducts research in various fields of physics, including quantum information, research on the cosmos and gravitation, semiconductors, and atomic gases. The Institute's strategy is to employ the strongest scientists while giving them freedom in conducting research. The result is the high position of CTP PAS in Poland, publications at a world-class level (papers in *Nature* and *Science*), a large number of grants (more than 30 projects), and participation in international consortia.

The CTP PAS also hosts a number of scientific events, including seminars, workshops, and conferences, which are open to the public. The Institute also creates educational content accessible on its official [YouTube](#) channel.

About the role

We are seeking a PhD candidate who will join the newly established Center for Quantum-Enabled Computing (within the structures of the [Center for Theoretical Physics of the Polish Academy of Sciences](#)) — the first scientific unit in Poland dedicated to the application of quantum effects in computing.

Your responsibilities will include:

- Implementation of the research tasks outlined in the proposal, as well as other tasks assigned by the project leader, using both analytical and numerical methods.
- Preparation of a PhD thesis based on the results obtained within the project.



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- Dissemination of results (including writing scientific articles and active participation in conferences and workshops).
- Participation in the scientific life of the institute, including the Institute's Colloquium and C4QEC seminars.

About you

Required qualifications, experience, and knowledge:

- **Master's degree (or equivalent) in physics or mathematics**; if not yet awarded, a supervisor's statement confirming the planned defense date is required.
- **Very good command of English.**
- **Very good knowledge of quantum physics.**
- **Familiarity with the basic concepts of quantum optics.**
- **Research experience in the fields of quantum optics or semiconductor physics will be considered an asset.**
- **Strong motivation for scientific research.**
- **Good programming skills.**
- **Motivation and willingness** to work in an interdisciplinary team.

What we offer

- Opportunity to develop research skills and do research in a fascinating field in a creative, innovative and friendly work environment.
- Development of analytical and numerical skills in the field of quantum information theory.
- Possible collaboration with top institutes in quantum information theory (e.g. ICFO in Barcelona).
- Possibility to file patent applications within the project.
- Funds for participation in scientific events (conferences, workshops, etc.) to disseminate project's results, research visits at partner institutions;
- Access to computational resources at CTP PAS.
- Competitive salary: **9 600 PLN/month gross**. The indicated amount includes the seniority allowance and constitutes the Employee's base remuneration. The remuneration is determined and paid in accordance with the Remuneration Regulations in force at the Institute.
- Flexible working hours.
- A diverse and inclusive culture in which mutual support, teamwork, and respect are highly valued.
- Subsidy for a Multisport card.
- Subsidy for leisure activities.



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- Subsidy for nurseries and kindergartens.

How to apply

Applications should be sent to: recruitment@cft.edu.pl, by **22.06.2026**, with the reference number ("MAB/17/2026") in the subject line.

Required documents:

1. **Curriculum Vitae** detailing scientific achievements (publications, conferences, prizes and awards etc.)
2. **Transcripts of records** from both Bachelor's and Master's studies.
3. **At least one recommendation letter** provided by a senior researcher or an academic staff member evaluating the candidate's research skills and their previous research activity.
The letters are to be sent directly to recruitment@cft.edu.pl; the candidate is responsible for arranging for the letters to be submitted.
4. **A short cover letter** explaining the motivation for doing research in this field.
5. **Copy of Master's diploma** (or equivalent), if not yet awarded, a supervisor's statement confirming the planned defense date is required and the Master's diploma must be obtained before the employment contract is signed.
6. **Signed Data Privacy Statement** ([EN + PL - GDPR clause](#)).

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

Shortlisted candidates will receive an invitation for an interview which will be held at the Center or online.

How we recruit

We carefully review every submitted application. Those whose experience and competencies align with our needs and requirements are invited to an interview (usually held online).

We stay in touch with candidates throughout the entire process, ensuring that interviews take place in a friendly atmosphere, and providing feedback after the interviews. We approach each candidate individually, also considering the needs of people with disabilities.

We appreciate all feedback received after the recruitment process. It motivates us to improve our recruitment efforts.

Our commitment to Equality, Diversity and Inclusion



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The CTP PAS operates in an all-inclusive environment irrespective of personal, physical, or social characteristics. Teamwork is highly valued, individual strengths are recognised and appreciated, and we are committed to advancing the careers of everyone.

Equality, respect, and openness are fundamental values in an academic environment, where diversity is essential. We strive to provide a safe and inclusive space for everyone who is part of our scientific community.

The CTP PAS has regulations for reporting violations of law and protection of whistleblowers.



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