PhD Student in Pharmaceutical Science with a focus on automated phenotypic drug profiling

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Duties/Project description: We are currently looking for an ambitious and highly motivated PhD student with a good background in cell biology as well as interest in molecular biology, high-throughput screening and bioinformatics, to join the research group of Prof. Ola Spjuth (group website: https://pharmb.io). The position includes both laboratory experiments using our robotized cell profiling laboratory, and data analysis of primarily images from high-content imaging of cells. The successful candidate will join an active and interdisciplinary team of researchers, and participate in a project to build up an intelligent, automated laboratory for cell profiling, with applications in precision cancer medicine. For more information on the project,
see https://pharmb.io/project/autonomous-phenomics/. The project is a collaboration with the Kallioniemi group (https://ki.se/en/onkpat/olli-kallioniemis-group) at Karolinska Institutet. This is a 5 year position that includes 20% teaching.

**Requirements:** The highly motivated candidate should have a MSc in cell/molecular biology/biotechnology or equivalent field and previous laboratory experience.

Familiarity with standard lab techniques is required, including:

- Cell culture of cancer cells and other cellular models, including primary cells
- Molecular biology, including among others western blotting, CRISPR/Cas9, cloning, siRNA and DNA transfections, RNA/DNA extraction, PCR and quantitative real-time PCR techniques
- Cell viability, proliferation and apoptosis assays.
- Immunofluorescence staining and immunoprecipitation techniques.
- Fluorescence-activated cell sorting (FACS)
- Liquid handling and automation
- Fluorescent microscopy imaging

Experience with data analysis and image analysis is meriting, and the candidate should be highly interested to learn/deepen the competence to automate lab operations with robotics and scripting.

The candidate should have excellent communication skills and be keen on actively interacting with other team members including biologists, software engineers, and researchers in AI/ML. Excellent skills in oral and written English are required, as well as the ability to work both independently and as part of a highly interdisciplinary team.

Information about research-level education, eligibility requirements, and admission regulations can be found at http://www2.medfarm.uu.se/utbildning/forskarniva/.

Applicants will be ranked by the supervisor in consultation with the Department Research Education group. The Committee for Research Education at the Disciplinary Domain of Medicine-Pharmacy will admit the PhD student. Salaries will follow local guidelines at Uppsala University.
Rules governing PhD candidates are set out in the Higher Education Ordinance Chapter 5, §§ 1-7 and in Uppsala university's rules and guidelines  http://regler.uu.se/?languageId=1

The holders of PhD student position primarily devote their time to own research-level education. Other duties at the Department involving teaching and administrative tasks maybe included in the framework of the position (max 20%). The PhD program normally lasts for 4 years research, plus maximally one year of teaching.

**Salary:** According to local agreement for PhD students.

**Starting date:** 01-03-2021 or as otherwise agreed.

**Type of employment:** Temporary position according to the Higher Education Ordinance chapter 5 § 7.

**Scope of employment:** 100 %

**For further information about the position please contact:** Professor Ola Spjuth, email Ola.Spjuth@farmbio.uu.se or administrative coordinator Marina Rönngren, e-mail marina.ronngren@farmbio.uu.se

**Please submit your application by 28 january 2021, UFV-PA 2021/5037.**

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Please do not send offers of recruitment or advertising services.

**Submit your application through Uppsala University's recruitment system.**

Placement: Bioinformatik
Type of employment: Full time , Temporary position longer than 6 months
Pay: Fixed salary
Number of positions: 1
Working hours: 100 %
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Last application date: 2021-01-28

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