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The IMB-CNM is located on the Autonomous University of Barcelona (UAB) Campus and contains the largest clean room facilities in Spain with full capability to process its own CMOS technologies and laboratories.

Project Type: TFG/TFM

Project Title: Opto-mechanical sensors for real-time breath analysis

Research Group: Micro and Nanotools Group (MNTL))

Project Description:

- ❖ The aim of this work is the development of bi-polymeric mechanical sensors (cantilevers or membranes) with mechanochromic response for the detection of volatile organic compounds (VOC) in breath.

Work Plan:

- The tasks of the project include: i) fabrication of bi-polymeric sensors with structural coloration (i.e. nanopatterning of its surface) by combining photolithographic and printing techniques, ii) characterization of its mechanical and optical properties, iii) gas chamber integration, and iv) detection of specific VOCs associated to different diseases.

Candidate desired studies:

- ✓ MSc in Nanoscience and Nanotechnology
- ✓ MSc in Photonics
- ✓ BSc in Physics
- ✓ Double Degree in Physics and Chemistry
- ✓ BSc in Nanoscience and Nanotechnology

Application Process:

Before applying, please **check with your TFG/TFM program supervisor**, as he/she may already be coordinating with us to assign the project.

If there is no such coordination, **complete this [form](#) and send your CV and a motivation letter to Talent@imb-cnm.csic.es, with the subject: "TFG/TFM at IMB-CNM"**

Your CV will be forwarded to the Researcher leading the project who will contact you directly if interested.

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