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**CORRECT REPETITION
TO BE PUBLISHED ONLINE**

CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

(For submission of proposals for the conclusion of a project lease contract)

The Research Committee (Special Account for Research Funds) of Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (ELKE AUTH), in the framework of the project “**Scholarship grant for a researcher at risk**” funded by own resources, with Academic Head Prof. **Alexandros Triantafyllidis**, invites candidates to submit proposals for **one** position for an **at risk** (*as defined below) **highly skilled scientist**, through the award of a scholarship, starting from the signing of the contract and for **12 months** and with a total anticipated remuneration **21.600,00€**. The scholarship will begin in April 2025.

* The Call is addressed to non-Greek citizens who **reside in Greece at least during the last year before the date of the Call** and meet **one** of the following:

1. Have been recognized as refugees in Greece
2. Have been recognized as beneficiaries of subsidiary protection in Greece
3. Have applied for asylum in Greece **and** have already been identified as ‘at-risk scholar’ by Scholars at Risk,
4. Are (1) Ukrainian nationals, or (2) stateless persons, or (3) nationals from third countries other than Ukraine, with their primary residence in Ukraine on 24 February 2022, **and** meet the eligibility criteria **a, b & c** of the [2nd Call](#) of the EU funded MSCA4Ukraine scheme.

1. Project Description

The successful candidate will conduct research at Aristotle University's premises under the mentorship of a Faculty member in any of the Schools of the University.

The hosting period will give the scholar the experience of a European research and training institute and strengthen research collaboration.

2. Required Qualifications

- Proof of at-risk situation, as described above
- Doctoral (Phd) Degree in any of the subject areas available at Aristotle University of Thessaloniki
- Good knowledge of the English **or Greek** language (B2 Level)
- Brief Research Proposal (up to 1000 words in English **or Greek**) which should include:
 - Research objectives
 - Methodology and implementation
 - Scientific and/or social impact
 - Impact on the career prospects of the candidate
- Invitation/letter of intent (according to the attached template) from an AUTH Faculty member working in the same field/subject area which should include **(a) the reasons for proposing the candidate researcher** and **(b) his/her commitment to:**
 - Host the researcher in his/her School or Laboratory in AUTH's premises
 - Supervise/work together with the selected researcher in the proposed research project

3. Additional Qualifications

- Announcements in conferences relevant to their field of expertise
- Publications in scientific journals relevant to their field of expertise

4. Qualifications Assessment

| | Qualifications criteria | Credits (Researchers) |
|---|---|-----------------------|
| 1 | Research Proposal (Criteria and respective evaluation defined*) | ≤200 |
| 2 | Publications (per publication) – 5 max | 20 |
| 3 | Announcements (per announcement) – 5 max | 10 |

All the qualifications listed above are in relevance with the project requirements and objectives.

5. Required Documents:

1. Submission of Proposal - Statement (see appendix)
2. Research Proposal
3. Invitation/letter of intent from an AUTH Faculty member (template attached)
4. Detailed Curriculum Vitae
5. Copies of the degrees and certifications, as well as any other document that will certify the information mentioned in the CV and which are related to the Required or Additional qualifications-criteria of this call for expression of interest.
6. In order to prove that the criterion of publications in journals and/or conference announcements has been fulfilled, the candidate should include the required minimum information in the detailed CV, for journals, the title of the journal, the issue, the date of publication, the title of the publication, the authors, and for conferences, the title, the date and venue and a copy of the programme.

*Research proposal evaluation

| A/A | Proposal section | Level/ Evaluation | Maximum |
|-----|---|----------------------|---------|
| 1. | Objectives | Quite important | 10 |
| | | Important | 20 |
| | | Very important | 40 |
| 2. | Methodology and Implementation | Satisfactory | 10 |
| | | Very good | 20 |
| | | Excellent | 40 |
| 3 | Scientific and/or social impact of research project | Intermediate | 10 |
| | | High | 20 |
| | | Extremely high | 40 |
| 4 | Impact on individual career prospects | Intermediate | 25 |
| | | High | 50 |
| | | Extremely high | 80 |

6. Submission of proposals

Proposals and required documents should be submitted either via e-mail to atriant@bio.auth.gr or in person or by post to the following address **Dept. Of Genetics, Development and Molecular Biology, School of Biology, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, 7th floor, AUTH Campus, 54124 Thessaloniki, Greece** within hours 10.00-12.00 **no later than 31/03/2025 at 12.00**. Proposals will be attributed a reference number from the Secretariat of the Department of the Academic Head of the project.

7. Publication – Information

This Call will be published on the website of ELKE AUTH <https://rc.auth.gr/proskliseis-gia-apasholisi-se-erga> and on the website of "Diavgeia".

For more information and questions regarding the position, candidates may refer to 00302310997332 or electronically at malamat@psy.auth.gr. For information on the proposal submission process candidates may contact ELKE AUTH at **2310- 994009, 994082, 994052**.

8. Evaluation

Submitted proposals will be evaluated by a three-member Evaluation Committee in accordance with the procedure provided for in article 244 of Law 4957/2022 and in article 20 of the Funding and Project Management Guide of ELKE AUTH as applicable.

9. Objection

Candidates are informed of the results through the website of the ELKE AUTH (<https://rc.auth.gr/proskliseis-gia-apasholisi-se-erga>) in the online posting of this call, as well as through the program Diavgeia. The candidate has the right to submit an objection against the results of this call (Decision of acceptance of results) within an exclusive period of five (5) calendar days from the day following the posting of the decision of acceptance of results on the website of the ELKE AUTH. The objection must be in writing and legally signed, accompanied by a photocopy of the objector's identity card and must be submitted either electronically at prosk@rc.auth.gr, or in person, or by post to the Special Account for Research Funds (ELKE) of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (KEDEA Building, 3rd September - University Campus, Thessaloniki, P.O. Box 54636, 1st floor, Office 101). No objections may be raised on the grounds of interview or skill test.

The procedure for objections is defined by article 245 of Law 4957/2022 and article 20A of the Funding and Project Management Guide of the ELKE AUTH as applicable.

If the objection concerns the qualifications of one or more candidates, it is communicated to the latter by e-mail, at the discretion of MODY. Each of them has the right to submit their opinion by electronic or paper submission to the MODY within three (3) calendar days of the notification. All the above shall be forwarded to the Objections Committee. Candidates who will not submit any opinion in accordance with the procedure as described above, may not submit an objection to the new Decision on the acceptance of results of the Research Committee, which will be issued after the approval of the recommendation of the Objections Committee on the acceptance of the objection.

For the effective exercise of the right to submit an objection, candidates have the right to access the data of their individual candidature file and the evaluation-scoring documents, both of themselves and of their other candidates, upon written request within the objection submission deadline and under the conditions of articles 5 of Law 2690/1999, 42 of Law 4624/2019 and 6 par. 1(f) of the GDPR (EU 2016/679). The application shall be submitted in the same way as the objection.

Taking into account that the data of the candidates' individual files submitted for participation in this Call for Expression of Interest constitute personal data within the meaning of Article 4 of the General Data Protection Regulation 2016/679, the access of the other candidates to these data is possible under the terms of the legislation on personal data and Article 5 of the Code of Administrative Procedure, as well as in accordance with the conditions consistently accepted by the Hellenic Data Protection Authority (decision 28/2018). In any event, by submitting their application, candidates accept that the documents and supporting documents they submit may be issued to their fellow candidates, subject to the above conditions.

Both objections and requests for access to candidate file data must be legally signed, i.e. either with an electronic-digital signature (gov.gr or other legally granted digital signature), or with a handwritten signature. A photocopy of a document with a handwritten signature (scanned pdf file) will be given a same-day incoming file number but will be examined only if the original document will be submitted within five (5) calendar days.

Requests for access to data and objections that do not meet the above requirements will not be examined.

10. Personal data

ELKE AUTH takes all appropriate measures for the protection of personal data during the evaluation process and it is strongly recommended that you read about the data protection policy and your rights on the AUTH website <https://www.auth.gr/gdpr>.

OTHER CONDITIONS

1. From all the proposals submitted according to the above specifications, the one that best meets the project's requirements will be selected and awarded a scholarship.
2. Only proposals / objections that will be received by the set date and time will be considered. In the case of postal submission, the deadline is judged on the basis of the date mentioned in the shipping file, provided that it will be received by ELKE AUTH no later than the approval of the results. ELKE AUTH bears no responsibility for the content of the candidacy files that will be sent.
3. Changes to the proposals (replacements, corrections or submission of additional documents) are not allowed after the expiration of the deadline.
4. For the employment of teaching, research and scientific staff, the recognition of academic qualifications awarded by foreign institutions that are not accompanied by DOATAP - Hellenic National Academic Recognition and Information Center (Hellenic NARIC) recognition certificates, is based on the National Registry of Foreign Recognized Higher Education Institutes and the National Registry of Foreign Recognized Academic Title Types, <https://www.doatap.gr/anagnorish/mitroa>. If the degree is awarded by a foreign institution included in the list of article 307 of Law 4957/2022 (list of foreign institutions with a franchise agreement with private institutions in Greece), the candidate must submit a Certificate of Place of Study from the foreign institution. If the place of study or part of the studies is confirmed as the Greek territory, the degree is not recognised, unless the part of the studies undertaken in the Greek territory is in a public higher education institution. Samples for the certificate of place of study are available on the DOATAP website. <https://www.doatap.gr/anagnorish/ypodeigmata-vevaioseon-topou-spoudon/>. In addition, if the call for applications has a grading/marketing scale for the degree, candidates must provide a certificate of the Overall Mark from the foreign institution. The matching of marks is carried out according to the system of matching marks of domestic and foreign qualifications as defined by the decisions of the Plenary Board of the DOATAP (Proceedings 144/7.2.2014 and 145/14.2.2014) <https://www.doatap.gr/anagnorish/systema-antistoichias-vathmologisis-imedapon-kai-allodapon-titlon-spoudon/>. In case of failure to provide a certificate of the overall final grade, the proposal will not be rejected, but the specific qualification requested will not be marked.
5. For the employment of administrative, technical and other staff, academic qualifications, if they are required or taken into account and have been awarded by foreign institutions, must be accompanied by certificates of recognition of DOATAP-Hellenic National Academic Recognition and Information Center (Hellenic NARIC). In addition, if the call for applications has a grading/marketing scale for the degree, a certificate of equivalence issued by the DOATAP is required. If the certificate of equivalence of marks is not provided, and only the certificates of recognition issued by the DOATAP are submitted, the candidate's proposal will not be rejected, but the specific qualification requested will not be marked.
6. The evaluation process will be completed by compiling a ranking list and / or a list of excluded, while those selected will be notified individually. In case of a tie, the proposal of the interested person is selected in order a) with the highest research proposal score, b) with the highest bachelor's degree mark, c) with the highest master's degree mark. If, after examining cases a, b, c, there is a tie again, the Evaluation Committee will conduct a public draw for the final selection among the tied candidates.
7. The proposal that is first in the ranking table and has the highest score in all the scoring criteria will be the one that will be selected. In case of obstruction of the person who submitted it, the next proposal is selected until the ranking order is exhausted.
8. Any submitted proposal that does not meet the criteria of the call of the expression of interest will not be examined any further and will be automatically rejected.
9. Throughout the execution of the project and according to the terms of the contract, following a relevant decision of the Research Committee, the selected person may be replaced by the next candidate in the ranking order, either due to his/her resignation or due to improper execution of the contract, following a written notice of termination of the contract that will be duly served on him/her and after the deadline for compliance set in the same document has expired without effect.
10. ELKE AUTH does not undertake any commitment to conclude a contract, as it is left to its full discretion to conclude or not contracts, as well as their number, excluding any claim of the interested parties.
11. The knowledge of foreign languages is certified in accordance with the provisions of the Presidential Decree 85/2022 "Determining the qualifications for appointment to positions of public sector" (A' 232/17.12.2022), especially according to the articles 10, 14 par. 3 and 15 par. 7.
12. Foreign documents, other than those in English, must be accompanied by photocopies of their official translation into the Greek or English language, except for English, French, German, Italian and Spanish language certificates which, if they meet the conditions of the P.D. 85/2022, are accepted without requiring their translation.

The Legal Representative

Kyriakos Yakinthos
Vice-Rector for Research & Innovation of AUTH
Professor, School of Mechanical Engineering

SUBMISSION OF PROPOSAL - STATEMENT*
(with consequences of law on false/inaccurate statement)

Name: Surname:

Mobile phone: E-mail: VAT or password number:

Please note in this proposal - statement and outside of the postal file the following

(To be completed by the candidate):

1. The reference number of this call

I affirm that:

- a. I have read and understood all the terms of this Call, which I accept unconditionally,
- b. the information given in all the forms in this proposal is accurate and true,
- c. I give my explicit and unconditional consent to the collection and processing of my personal data, as indicated in this proposal and in the documents submitted with it, exclusively for the purposes of implementing this Call for expressions of interest, including the posting of the results thereof on DIAVGEIA, in accordance with the provisions of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Law 4624/2019.

SIGNATURE

Date : ___/___/_____

Find attached : 1.
2.

****Incomplete filling of the proposal – statement constitutes a criterion for exclusion***

[The “Letter of Intent” must contain the official info of the Faculty member (i.e. logo, address) and should be signed by him/her and stamped (if applicable). The letter of intent may be amended if necessary].

Letter of Intent

I hereby confirm my intention to host Dr and collaborate with him/her for the implementation of the research proposal (if funded) with the following details:

- Title: **[Research Title]**
- Scientific field/subfield: **[Scientific field Name]**
- Resources and Infrastructure used: **[Official Name of the School/Department/Laboratory]**
- Duration: 12 months

which is submitted to the Special Account for Research Funds of Aristotle University of Thessaloniki under the/2025 Call, in the framework of the project 72157 “Scholarship grant for a researcher at risk”.

Dr..... **[reasons for proposing the candidate researcher including the scientific and/or social impact of the research project and possible impact on the candidate’s individual career prospects]**

I, also, confirm that I will submit an Evaluation Report upon completion of the scholarship.

[The Faculty Member]

[Name, Position]