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PRESS RELEASE

H.F.R.I. continues to support young researchers: 1453 PhD candidates submitted their application for funding with a budget of 8 m. euros in total.

Proposal submission for yet another call issued by the Hellenic Foundation for Research and Innovation was concluded on Friday, November 27th 2020, retaining its commitment to promote research by supporting PhD candidates through scholarships. **1453 applicants under the “3rd Call for HFRI Scholarships to support PhD Candidates” are claiming their share of the 8 m. euros to carry out their innovative research.**

This particular HFRI Call is intended to fund PhD candidates for carrying out their PhD without thematic or geographic limitations, where scientific quality and excellence are the sole criterion.

“The objective is to support young scientists in charting a successful course within Research, under the best circumstances” said HFRI Director Dr. Nektarios Nasikas, noting that “this action will create new opportunities for research development and contribute in the effort to reverse the brain-drain phenomenon, while enriching the research activity of Universities and Research Centres in the country”.

Applications sectioned by scientific area, are presented in detail below:

- Physical Sciences: 228
- Engineering Sciences and Technology: 256
- Life Sciences (Medical & Health Sciences): 268
- Agricultural Sciences – Food Science & Technology: 99
- Mathematics & Information Sciences: 102
- Social Sciences: 231
- Humanities & Arts: 184
- Environment & Energy: 61
- Management & Economics of Innovations: 24

Three actions have been announced for PhD scholarships so far, with a budget of 31,500,000.00 euros in total, whereby 1500 PhD candidates are expected to be supported. In the upcoming years and in line with the Foundation's operational planning, another two actions for PhD candidate scholarships are expected to be announced with a total budget of 8,000,000.00 euros, in respect of Foundation commitment for continuity and consistency in its actions.

Further information for this Call can be accessed [here](#).

About HFRI

The Hellenic Foundation for Research and Innovation (Law 4429/2016) was founded out of the vital need to support the Greek research ecosystem. It is a private-law legal entity, supervised by the Greek Ministry of Development and Investments. The H.F.R.I. aims to promote research and innovation in Greece, and specifically to evaluate and fund research projects and research infrastructure and technical applications, without any restrictions on topics or geographical location, with the sole criterion being quality scientific research and excellence.

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