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Press Release

New Calls for 2024 in the framework of the cooperation between N.E.C.C.A. and HFRI

On Tuesday, December 12, 2023, the Hellenic Foundation for Research and Innovation (HFRI), after the successful cooperation with the Natural Environment and Climate Change Agency (N.E.C.C.A.), published the 2nd Call for «Actions to protect, conserve and promote biodiversity. Field studies of endemic, endangered and nationally important species of Greece» and the Call for N.E.C.C.A. scholarships for PhD thesis on the “Study of the taxonomy of groups of organisms distributed mainly in the Greek territory.”

The 2nd Call under the title “Actions to protect, conserve and promote biodiversity. Field studies of endemic, endangered and nationally important species of Greece,” aims to support the implementation of targeted field studies with Principal Investigators with a PhD degree in Biology, Agriculture, Forestry or a related scientific field, with scientific experience in the assessment of extinction risk, conservation, management and protection of endemic and endangered species in Greece. The proposed studies may be stand-alone or implemented within the framework of existing research projects on endemic, endangered and nationally important species.

Interested potential beneficiaries may submit their Proposal exclusively in one of the following fields/subfields, as determined by N.E.C.C.A.:

F.1. Ecology, Evolution, Population and Environmental Biology

1.1. Evolutionary biology

1.2. Population, community and ecosystem ecology

1.3. Animal behavior

- 1.4. Biodiversity
- 1.5. Biogeography
- 1.6. Marine Biology
- 1.7. Eco-toxicology
- 1.8. Microbial ecology

F.2. Ecology

- 1.1. Molecular ecology
- 1.2. Organismal ecology
- 1.3. Population ecology
- 1.4. Community ecology
- 1.5. Human ecology

The total budget for the Call is **462.000€**, and the duration of the proposed study may vary from 6 to 12 months.

For more information and guidelines on how to participate in the Call, click [here](#).

The collaboration of the two organizations is extended with the publication of the N.E.C.C.A. Scholarship Call for the preparation of a PhD thesis on the investigation of the taxonomy of groups of organisms distributed mainly in the Greek territory. This Call aims to award up to five Scholarships to PhD Candidates to prepare a Dissertation on the investigation of the taxonomy of groups of organisms distributed mainly in the Greek territory, using methods that may include genetic, genomic, morphological and/or a combination of the previous approaches.

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The total cost of the Call for Scholarships amounts to **262.500,00€**, and the scholarship duration can range from 24 to 36 months, regardless of the appointment date of the Three-Member Advisory Committee.

For more information and guidelines on how to participate in the Call for Scholarships, click [here](#).

Proposal and Application submissions start on Thursday, February 01, 2024, at 12 pm (EEST) and end on Thursday, February 29, 2024, at 1:00 pm (EEST), exclusively online via the H.F.R.I. Portal <https://portal.hfri.gr/>

The Calls are funded by the Natural Environment and Climate Change Agency (N.E.C.C.A.), with HFRI being the Implementing Institution



About HFRI

The Hellenic Foundation for Research and Innovation (HFRI) was established (Law 4429/2016) in response to the vital need for supporting Greek scientists. It is a legal person governed by private law, monitored by the Ministry of Development. HFRI aims to promote research and innovation in the country. In particular, it aims to evaluate and fund unrestricted research, namely research activities, research infrastructure and their technological applications, arising from scientific curiosity, without any thematic exclusions or geographical limitations, having scientific quality and excellence as a sole criterion.

