



ARISTOTLE
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CENTER FOR
HELLENIC STUDIES
HARVARD UNIVERSITY

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
between the
ARISTOTLE UNIVERSITY OF THESSALONIKI
and
HARVARD UNIVERSITY'S CENTER FOR HELLENIC STUDIES

I. PREAMBLE

The contracting parties, 1) Aristotle University of Thessaloniki ("AUTH"), Faculty of Philosophy, School of Philology, Department of Classics represented by its Rector, Professor PERICLES A. MITKAS and 2) Harvard University's Center for Hellenic Studies ("CHS"), represented by its Director, Professor GREGORY NAGY, hereby jointly enter into this Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") with the goal of fostering academic cooperation between the two Institutions. This MOU is developed based upon commonality of interests and the Institutions' belief that cooperation between them would strengthen their joint and individual capacities. Its main objective is to allow both Institutions to explore the development of specific collaborative projects in fields of common interest, aiming to support their scholars' and students' academic work and both Institutions' teaching and research related activities.

The Institutions are interested in the possibility of supporting research in the Humanities and more specifically the field of Ancient Greek literature and language. Moreover, both parties are interested in supporting young PhD researchers who have completed their PhDs at AUTH, Faculty of Philosophy, School of Philology, Department of Classics.

The parties therefore understand as follows:

II. OBJECTIVES

The purpose/objective of this MOU is to establish a three-year long-term arrangement for cooperation between the CHS and AUTH, during which they plan to develop and offer joint Research Fellowships to young PhD holders from AUTH's Faculty of Philosophy, School of Philology, Department of Classics, enabling them to cooperate as Research Fellows with CHS and Aristotle University and continue or return to research in the field of Classics. The project will be entitled *CHS Fellowships in collaboration with Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, School of Philology, Department of Classics (CHS Fellowships with AUTH's Department of Classics)*, and the collaboration is intended to last from December 2016 to

December 2019. Both parties agree to develop and offer jointly up to three (3) Fellowships every year to PhD holders from AUTH's Faculty of Philosophy, School of Philology, Department of Classics, who received their doctorate degree no more than five years before the announcement of each annual program cycle. The duration of each Fellowship will be 12 months during which the Fellow will complete a semester-long research project.

Provisions for the Fellows will not include any monetary contributions (e.g. grants, stipends, per-diems, or other allowances) from either CHS or AUTH.

CHS provisions for the Fellows and the implementation of the program will include, but may not be limited to, the following:

1. Year-long use of the *CHS-AUTH Fellow* title.
2. Year-long access to Harvard University's online databases and resources.
3. Invitation for a week-long educational trip to CHS in Washington DC, arranged and paid by CHS, to share their findings and collaborate with other Fellows and members of the CHS academic community.
4. Invitation to attend the annual CHS-International Olympic Academy ("IOA") Scholars Symposium in Ancient Olympia, arranged and paid by the CHS and the IOA, for an opportunity to establish and cultivate professional ties with scholars and other members of the CHS Community and participants at the conference.
5. Announcement of the collaboration (MOU) and each cycle's announcements on the CHS social media pages and website.
6. Announcement of the Fellowships and Research Projects on the CHS website and social media; a video-recording of an interview between the Fellows and the CHS Content Editors and Coordinators for release through the Center's Kleos blog.
7. Access to the CHS network of scholars, including the CHS Fellows network.
8. Invitation to pre-publish the outcomes of their research in *First Drafts@Classics@*, *CHS Classics@*, or the *CHS Research Bulletin*.
9. Academic support for their projects from one or two members of the Selection and Advisory Committee (see below for Committee details).
10. CHS will support the program by providing analytical information for the initiative on the CHS website, online application tool and infrastructure for processing applications.
11. CHS will provide support with two Coordinators; Lanah Koelle, Fellowship Program Coordinator, CHS DC, and Evangelos Katsarelis, Programs and Events Coordinator, CHS GR. These Coordinators will support administrative and logistical aspects of this cooperation, including relevant needs of the Fellows and the Fellowship projects.

The Aristotle University, School of Philology, Department of Classics provisions for the Fellows and the implementation of the program will include, but might be not limited to the following:

1. Year-long use of the *CHS-AUTH Fellow* title.
2. Twelve-month access to AUTH Library system for the Fellows.
3. Organization of events, lectures, seminars or workshops in order for the Fellows to present their research to students (graduate and undergraduate) of the Department and/or experience research methodology at a post-doctorate level.
4. Office space for the Fellows for the duration of their research project.
5. Support through the University's Career Office and the Department's Administration in order to access and communicate with all possible candidate Fellows.

6. Announcement of the collaboration (MOU) and each cycle's announcements on University's and the Department's social media pages and websites.
7. Announcement of the Fellowships and Research Projects on the University's and the Department's social media pages and websites.
8. Share the outcomes of the Fellows' research project from the *CHS First Drafts@Classics@*, *CHS Classics@*, or *the CHS Research Bulletin* on the Department's webpages.
9. Academic support for their projects from one or two members of the Selection and Advisory Committee (see below for Committee details).

III. PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

CHS and AUTH, School of Philology, Department of Classics jointly agree to implement at least the aforementioned objectives that will serve both the needs of the program and the mutual interest of both institutions. Neither party is obliged to offer further resources apart from the provisions mentioned within the present document, unless agreed upon by both parties at some future date. The Fellowship award will be given as outlined above, and will not include any outright monetary contributions (e.g. grants, stipends) or reimbursements to Fellows (e.g. per-diems, travel allowances, research expense allowances). The Fellows will be responsible for covering any costs incurred while they are active participants in the program.

Academic Supervision and Work

Both parties, as represented by their members participating in the Selection and Academic Advisory Committee of Fellowships and the principal contacts appointed in the present document, will share responsibility for the organization, implementation and evaluation of the collaboration and all its.

For the selection and academic supervision of the Fellows both parties agree to form a seven-member Selection and Academic Advisory Committee consisting of four (4) faculty members nominated by the CHS and three (3) faculty members nominated by AUTH, School of Philology, Department of Classics. The initial 4 committee members of the CHS, as appointed by the Center's boards and approved by its Director, are: 1. *Richard Martin*, Stanford University, 2. *Ioannis Petropoulos*, University of Thrace, 3. *Anastasia-Erasmia Peponi*, Stanford University, 4. *Lucia Athanasaki*, University of Crete. The initial 3 committee members of the AUTH, School of Philology, Department of Classics, as suggested by its Chair and approved by the Rector of the University, are: 1. *Antonios Rengakos*, 2. *Evina Sistikou*, 3. *Christos Tsagalis*. The term of this committee will be three years. Each Institution is responsible for changes related to its own nominees and for informing the partner Institution at least one month in advance with a written notification of these changes.

This Committee will also discuss the criteria for identifying the pool of applicants and the requirements for the application process. All members of the Committee will be offered access to Harvard's online resources by the Center, as CHS Associates, in order to be able to follow and support the Fellows' research project in the best possible way.

The Fellows

The Fellows will work closely with members of the Selection and Advisory Committee of the two Institutions to produce an article/paper that will be sent to *First Drafts@Classics@*. Additionally, at the end of their appointment, each fellow will submit a report of 1000-2000 words for publication on the *CHS Research Bulletin*. Fellows are expected to appropriately acknowledge the CHS and the AUTH support. Public appearances/lectures related to this Fellowship and publications resulting from the Fellows' work should mention the support of CHS and AUTH, and they should provide a copy of these publications to the Institutions' libraries. Fellows will be welcome to mention their status as CHS-AUTH Fellows both in their curriculum vitae and their publications. They are also encouraged to be active members of the CHS and AUTH scholarly communities, and keep the Institutions posted regarding their academic career for a period of at least three years after the completion of this fellowship.

The Fellowship and all its components, including benefits and obligations for the Fellows, will be described in a detailed *Terms and Conditions Document* that the representatives of the two partner Institutions will jointly develop and approve. The Fellows, upon their selection, will be required to read and sign this document in order to accept the Fellowship and initiate their affiliation with the partner Institutions and their work with the research project.

IV. TERMS OF AGREEMENT

Duration

This MOU is effective on the date of the last signature here to and will remain in effect for an initial period of three (3) years from December 2016 to December 2019 and it can be extended and/or renewed by mutual agreement of the Institutions. The MOU can be terminated by either Institution by giving six months' written notice to the other party.

Principal Contacts

The principal parties for this instrument are for Harvard University's Center for Hellenic Studies, Zoie Lafis, Administrative Director, CHS DC, and Christos Giannopoulos, Executive Manager, CHS GR, and for Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, School of Philology, Department of Classics Prof. Christos Tsagalis and Prof. Evina Sistikou.

General Terms

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding is only to express the intentions of the parties and is not intended to be legally binding on either party, with the exception of all paragraphs of the Section "IV" which is intended to be binding and will survive the termination of this Memorandum of Understanding. This Memorandum of Understanding imposes no financial obligations on either party. Each party recognizes that the other party has, may have or will have arrangements of a similar or different nature with other Institutions whether in each party's respective countries or elsewhere in the world, during the currency of this Memorandum of Understanding, and each party agrees to disclose any such similar obligations to the other party.

Neither party shall make any public announcement or statement or publish or release any information in relation to this MOU or any proposed activity or proposed collaboration under this MOU without the prior written approval of the other party.

Each party will include only the accurate identity and title (for the CHS: *Harvard University's Center for Hellenic Studies* or *Center for Hellenic Studies, Harvard University*, and for AUTH: *Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Faculty of Philosophy, School of Philology, Department of Classics*), and logo (the ones included in the headline of the present document) of the partner Institution, and nothing else, in all printed, visual or electronic material produced for the purposes of the MOU and the Fellowships and distributed in Greece and elsewhere, and all such uses shall be subject to the partner Institution's prior written approval.

V. SIGNATURES

The two parties, through their duly authorized representatives, declare that they have read the present document and have agreed on all terms and conditions herein. Hereby, both contracting parties agree with the provisions and terms of this MOU and signed two (2) copies of it in English.

For the
Aristotle University of Thessaloniki
The Rector



Prof. PERICLES A. MITKAS



For the
Harvard University's Center for Hellenic
Studies
The Director



Prof. GREGORY NAGY



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