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## **ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE POSTGRADUATE PROGRAM "Cardiovascular Disease"**

The Department of Medicine of Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (AUTH) announces thirty-five (35) positions for postgraduate students for the academic year 2024-2025 in the "Postgraduate Program" (PP) "cardiovascular disease".

The PP aims to train scientists in cardiovascular disease and to conduct research related to cardiovascular disease. The program promotes the cultivation and advancement of knowledge, specifically the latest research data in fields such as arterial hypertension, diabetes mellitus and lipids, organ damage related to these conditions, exercise and nutrition in cardiovascular diseases, and new technologies for the diagnosis and monitoring of patients at cardiovascular risk. Additionally, it aims to train specialized scientists with solid theoretical knowledge that will enable them to address complex problems in the field of cardiovascular disease.

### **Categories of Admitted Students**

The categories of candidates who may be accepted for the PP are Holders of first-cycle degrees from domestic universities and recognized equivalent institutions abroad (paragraphs 1, 7, and 8 of Article 34 of Law 4485/2017).

Specifically, the PP is addressed to graduates of Medical Schools, Nursing, Pharmacy, and Biology departments of domestic universities or equivalent institutions abroad, as well as graduates of university or T.E.I. departments of domestic or equivalent institutions abroad, in a related field of study.

Members of the EEP, EDIP, and ETEP categories, provided they meet the requirements of the first sentence of paragraph 1 of Article 34 of Law 4485/2017, can enroll as supernumeraries, with only one being accepted per year per PP organized in departments of the institution they serve, provided the PP is related to their degree and the work they perform at the respective institution.

A Postgraduate Diploma is not awarded to a student whose first-cycle degree from a foreign institution has not been recognized by the Hellenic National Academic Recognition and Information Center (DOATAP), in accordance with Law 3328/2005 (A' 80).

Final-year students of the departments may also apply for the PP, provided they have graduated before the approval of the final list of candidates accepted into the PP.

## **Number of Admitted Students**

The annual number of admitted students is set at a maximum of thirty-five (35) postgraduate students.

## **Application Requirements**

To apply for the program, the following documents are required:

- i. **Application Form:** Available in printed form from the PP's secretariat and in electronic form following the announcement.
- ii. **Degree Certificate or Proof of Graduation:** For graduates of Greek universities, and for graduates of foreign universities, a certificate of equivalence from the Hellenic National Academic Recognition and Information Center (DOATAP).
- iii. **Official Transcript:** Including grades for all undergraduate courses and the final degree grade.
- iv. **Curriculum Vitae:** Detailing studies, professional experience, and research activities, if any.
- v. **Statement of Purpose:** Up to 500 words, outlining the candidate's scientific interests and reasons for wanting to join this PP.
- vi. **Language Proficiency:** Candidates must know both Greek and English. English proficiency, unless it is the candidate's native language, must be certified by a degree from a relevant foreign language department or by holding at least a recognized B2 level diploma. The level of foreign language proficiency can be demonstrated by:
  - a. State Certificate of Language Proficiency (Law 2740/1999, as amended by paragraph 19 of Article 13 of Law 3149/2003).
  - b. Degree in Foreign Language and Literature or a Degree in Foreign Languages, Translation and Interpretation from domestic or equivalent foreign institutions.
  - c. Undergraduate, postgraduate, or doctoral degree from any recognized higher education institution abroad.
  - d. High school diploma equivalent to Greek secondary education, obtained after at least six years of regular study abroad. A teaching license for a foreign language does not prove language proficiency (P.D. 347/2003). Candidates holding such a license must submit a certified copy and an exact translation of the degree on which the license is based.
- vii. **Proof of Research and Writing Activities:** Evidence of participation in student mobility programs and relevant professional experience related to the PP.
- viii. **Two (2) Letters of Recommendation.** ix. **Photocopy of Both Sides of the ID Card.**

## Selection Process

Candidates are selected based on the evaluation of their application dossier and a personal interview conducted by a three-member selection committee. The total score is determined as follows:

No	Criterion	Maximum Score
1	Degree Grade	10
2	Postgraduate Degrees	10
3	Grades in Relevant Undergraduate Courses	10
4	Professional Experience / Relevant Specialization	20
5	Research Activity	10
6	Printing Activity	10
7	Personal Interview / Statement of Purpose	30
	<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>

## Maximum Points

The maximum number of points a candidate can accumulate is 100. If the number of applications does not meet the required quota, the application submission period will be extended from September.

## Tuition Fees

The total tuition fee for each postgraduate student in the PP is €3,000, payable in two equal installments: the first installment is paid to a special account of the AUTH Research Committee upon initial enrollment in the PP, and the second installment is paid before the start of the third semester, also to a special account of the AUTH Research Committee.

## Duration of Studies

The duration of study for the PP leading to the award of the Postgraduate Diploma (MSc) is three (3) academic semesters, including the time for the preparation and assessment of the master's Thesis.

## More Information

For more information, contact the PP Secretariat at:

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