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CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

"Programme for the promotion of exchanges and scientific cooperation between Greece and Germany IKYDA 2024"

The State Scholarships Foundation (IKY), in the framework of a bilateral agreement with the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), announces a scholarship programme for the promotion of exchanges and scientific cooperation between Greece and Germany in application of the Regulations of the programme as approved by the joint decision of the Ministers of Finance and Education and Religious Affairs (Government Gazette 3450/B/23-5-2023).

This cooperation is carried out by teams of scientists or researchers from all disciplines, led by a scientific leader for each team and per country, who jointly develop and implement a research project with reciprocal exchange visits.

IKYDA 2024 will fund research projects of **12 or 24 months duration, starting from 1/7/2024 and ending no later than 30/6/2026.**

The deadline for submission of applications and proposals is 15/12/2023.

CHAPTER 1. OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAMME

The State Scholarships Foundation (IKYD) and the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), with the aim of further developing scientific cooperation between Greece and Germany, implement the IKYDA Programme within the framework of a bilateral agreement with a maximum funding period of two (2) years.

The aim of the programme is to promote research and strengthen cooperation between Higher Education Institutions and Research Institutions between the two countries. The implementation of joint research projects of a high academic level aims a) to promote bilateral research with a view to continued cooperation in the future, b) to gain research experience in an international environment for young, mainly young, scientists through mobility to the partner institution in Germany. The projects to be implemented will aim at (a) producing joint research results, (b) producing international collective publications.

CHAPTER 2. SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS AND CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

1. The application is submitted to the competent National Agency of each country (I.K.Y. for Greece - DAAD for Germany) by the scientific leader of the respective group of scientists or researchers.
2. The research proposal, which is included in the funding application, will have been previously agreed with the partner institution in Germany and will include a detailed description of the objectives, results and activities of the research project, in the context of the Greek-German cooperation and the mutual participation and complementarity of the teams.
3. The scientific supervisor and the members of the Greek research team must meet the following requirements:
 - α) The scientific supervisor must be a current faculty member or researcher of grade A, B or C of a Greek Research Institution,
 - b) the members of the team should be active faculty members or researchers from Greek Research Institutions or postdoctoral researchers or PhD holders or PhD candidates or postgraduate students.
4. The research team of each country should consist of at least three (3) members, including the scientific director, with a maximum of six (6) members, including the scientific director.
5. Participation in the research team is allowed in the framework of cooperation between two or more institutions from Greece.
6. It is not allowed to submit more than one application on behalf of the Scientific Director, nor may he/she or any member of the research team participate in another IKYDA project candidate or IKYDA project in progress.
7. Scientific leaders of IKYDA research projects funded under previous IKYDA programmes are eligible to submit a new proposal after four (4) years from the start date of the previous funding.

CHAPTER 3. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS REQUIRED

1. Application, in the special digital form of the I.K.Y., which serves as a solemn declaration of the law. 1599/1986
2. Draft research proposal, on the special form of the ICF, which includes a detailed description of the research project (5 to 10 pages) in Greek or English as follows:
 - Scope and objectives of the project
 - Project implementation methodology
 - Expected results
 - Detailed description of work modules and deliverables

The draft research proposal will also describe in detail the planning of the visits (approximate travel dates are given) for the requested funding period and the budget.
3. CVs of the scientific director and the members of the Greek research team.
4. Curriculum vitae of the scientific leader of the German research team.

5. A list of publications by the scientific supervisors related to the topic of the research proposal that have been published in the last five years.
6. A certificate of participation of the members of the research team in the specific research project, signed by the scientific supervisor.
7. A declaration by the Scientific Director that he/she has submitted only one application for the IKYDA project in question and that he/she and the members of the research team are not involved in another IKYDA project candidate or IKYDA project in progress.
8. A declaration by the scientific supervisor that the research project does not receive funding from any other public or private institution in Greece or abroad.
9. Supporting documents for research team members:
 - α) In the case of postgraduate students/three or doctoral candidates, a certificate from the Secretariat of the relevant Department, indicating their specific status
 - b) In the case of holders of a doctoral degree, a copy of the degree
 - c) In the case of postdoctoral researchers, a certificate from the secretariat of the Department/Faculty where they are carrying out postdoctoral research.

An application for funding will only be considered if there is a corresponding application from a German partner to the DAAD. This will be documented with the submission:

- of the first page of the German application,
- a half-page summary of the research project, in Greek and English, signed by both scientific supervisors

CHAPTER 4. TIME LIMIT AND PROCEDURE FOR LODGING THE APPLICATION

1. The application, the draft research proposal and the required supporting documents, as defined in chap. 3 of this document, shall be submitted by the scientific supervisor of the research project.
2. The application form is available exclusively in electronic form to the interested parties, who are required to complete all the fields in it without omission and to submit it in accordance with the instructions set out below.

3. Online application submission

3.1 Applications must be submitted online via the online application, by 15/12/2023 at local time 14.00 at <https://ams.iky.gr>

3.2 The language of the application is Greek and, where applicable, English. The draft research proposal must be completed in Greek or English.

3.3 By submitting their applications, interested parties accept in full the terms of the Call.

3.4 No changes may be made to the application data after the final online submission of the application.

3.5 The application is in lieu of an affidavit of the person concerned in accordance with Law 1599/86 that:

- a) has read and fully and unconditionally accepts the terms of this Call and the relevant CIP,
- (b) all the information given in the application form and the supporting documents attached to it is correct and that the applicant fulfils the conditions for participation set out in Chapter 2 of the Call for Proposals,

(c) has submitted only one application under this Call for Proposals

(d) is aware that the application will not be considered if the German partner's application is not submitted within the time limit

3.6 The following documents are attached to the online application in PDF format (max. 1 Mb/document):

3.6.1 Draft research proposal, on the special form of the I.K.Y.

3.6.2 Curriculum vitae of the scientific leader of the Greek research team

3.6.3 CVs of the members of the Greek research team

3.6.4 Curriculum vitae of the scientific leader of the German research team

3.6.5 A certificate of participation of the members of the research team in the specific research project, signed by the scientific supervisor

3.6.6 A declaration by the Scientific Director that he/she has submitted only one application for the IKYDA project in question and that he/she and the members of the research team are not involved in another IKYDA project candidate or IKYDA project in progress

3.6.7 A declaration by the scientific supervisor that the research project does not receive funding from any other public or private body in Greece or abroad

3.6.8 Front page of the German application

3.6.9 Supporting documents for research team members :

3.6.9.a confirmation of the status of postgraduate student or doctoral candidate from the Secretariat of the relevant Department

3.6.9.b a copy of the doctoral degree

3.6.9.c a certificate for the implementation of postdoctoral research from the secretariat of the relevant Department/Faculty

3.6.10 Final report (only in case of previous cooperation with the same University/Research Institution in the framework of the IKYDA Programme)

3.7 Upon successful submission-identification of the online application-certificate, applicants will receive an email with the code for the online submission of their application. After the deadline for submission of proposals, the IACS will send them the file number of their application by e-mail.

3.8 Information -Administrative and technical

support Administrative support :

P. Afentaki, tel.: 210 3726331, e-mail: afparaskevi@iky.gr,

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Technical support regarding the online application is available at:

techsupport@iky.gr

CHAPTER 5. DURATION OF RESEARCH PROJECTS

The total funding period for a research project is stated at the outset in the application form and approved together with the proposal, and is set at one or two consecutive years.

CHAPTER 6. FUNDING OF RESEARCH PROJECTS

The budget of each research project should not exceed 10.000,00 EUR per year and will cover travel and daily allowance. The amount foreseen in the initial application of each proposal is binding and no more than the budgeted amount may be awarded.

The travel expenses of each member of the research team will initially be borne by the participant to whom the ICS will subsequently reimburse only the value of the reimbursable tickets and the daily allowance, after the end of the scientific visit and with the submission of the following original documents:

- Proof of purchase of tickets (air and/or train and/or coach and/or economy class) with baggage (which should be included in the ticket price) in the name of the participant (no payment confirmation documents). No additional costs relating to any excess baggage will be covered.
- Economy class tickets.
- Boarding passes.
- Confirmation of participation from the German partner for the specific dates

CHAPTER 7. FINANCING CONDITIONS

1. Travel of the research team to a country other than Germany is not funded, even if it is an integral part of the project

2. Visits to the partner institution have a minimum duration of seven (7) consecutive days (including two days of travel) and a maximum duration of up to one (1) month for category 1 and up to two (2) months for category 2.

3. Travel takes place throughout the year.

4. During the period of funding of the research project, a member may be replaced, following a duly justified request by the scientific director, together with the required supporting documents for the new member. No change in the number of members of the research team is allowed. The financial benefits, by category, are described in detail in the table below:

FINANCING DURING A STAY IN GERMANY	
1. compensation during the stay in the Partner Foundation	
CATEGORY 1	CATEGORY 2
- ALL GRADES	- PHD CANDIDATES
- RESEARCHERS/STUDENTS A, B and C	- POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS
- HOLDERS OF A DOCTORAL DEGREE	
1-20 days: 90,00 euro per day	1-20 days: 80,00 euro per day
21-30 days: 70,00 euro per day	21- 30 days: 60,00 euro per day
	31st day -60 days : 50,00 euro per day
2. the cost of tickets for travel to and within Germany, where applicable	
up to EUR 560,00 (per visit)	up to EUR 560,00 (per visit)

CHAPTER 8. SELECTION CRITERIA

During the selection process they will be assessed:

- The quality of the research project (50 points) [a. Presentation of the proposal and in particular clarity of objectives and methodology (10 points); b. Scientific level of the proposal - timeliness and degree of innovation (10 points); c. Participation of young scientists (30 points), such as the participation of postgraduate students or doctoral candidates or postdoctoral researchers who have obtained their doctorate in the last five years].
- Knowledge transfer between the collaborating research teams. The added value (in terms of subject matter, institution, interdisciplinarity) of the collaboration for both research teams. The potential for scientific and possibly industrial exploitation of the results of the research project (20 points).
- The possibility of continuing the cooperation after the end of the programme sponsored by the I.K.Y. (5 points).
- The formal and substantive qualifications of the members of each scientific team. Background relevant to the research proposal (20 points).
- The complementarity of the teams of the two partners with regard to the research proposal (in terms of method, content, equipment, etc.) (5 points).

A research project relating to scientific topics of a general nature will not be considered eligible

CHAPTER 9. EVALUATION PROCEDURE

- Checking the formal requirements, eligibility, completeness of the file, etc.
- The first stage of the evaluation takes place at the headquarters of each national institution, by evaluators from faculty members or Researchers of the ICS Board's Selection Research Centres appointed in each country. The process is completed with the selection of the research projects by a mixed Greek-German panel of evaluators.

CHAPTER 10. COMMUNICATION OF RESULTS

The results will be published simultaneously on the website of the respective country's website on 3/6/2024.

CHAPTER 11. EXCEPTIONAL PROGRAMMES-EXCEPTIONAL EXPENDITURE

The IKYDA programme does not cover:

- Existing Greek-German research and technology programmes funded from another source that financially support the exchange of scientists.
- Purely educational programmes (language learning programmes, seminars, participation in conferences, etc.).
- Expenditure on basic laboratory equipment and expenditure on consumables and laboratory materials.

CHAPTER 12. REPORT ON ACHIEVEMENTS

The scientific leader of each research project has the obligation to submit to the ICS, progress reports describing the progress of the project, any publications in reputable international journals or scientific distinctions that have resulted from the collaboration. The scientific supervisor and the members of the research team will mention in their publications and papers that the research project was funded by the "Programme for the promotion of exchanges and scientific cooperation between Greece and Germany IKYDA" 2024.

CHAPTER 13. OTHER PROVISIONS

Any issues that arise during the implementation of the Programme and are not included in the present decision shall be regulated by decisions of the Board of Directors of the I.K.Y.

The President of the Board of Directors of the I.K.Y.

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