### **ANNOUNCEMENT OF POSTGRADUATE PROGRAM**

**"Cardiovascular Disease"**

The School of Medicine of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (AUTh) announces thirty-five (35) positions for postgraduate students for the academic year 2024–2025 in the Postgraduate Program "Cardiovascular Disease." The program aims to train scientists in the field of cardiovascular disease and conduct research related to it. The postgraduate program promotes the cultivation and advancement of knowledge, focusing on the most recent research data in areas such as arterial pressure, diabetes, lipids, organ damage related to these conditions, exercise and diet in cardiovascular diseases, and new technologies for diagnosing and monitoring patients at cardiovascular risk. Additionally, it aims to train specialized scientists with solid theoretical knowledge, enabling them to address complex problems in the field of cardiovascular disease.

**Categories of Applicants**

The categories of candidates who can be accepted into the postgraduate program are as follows:

1. 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 program is aimed at graduates of Medical Schools, Nursing, Pharmacy, Biology departments of domestic universities or equivalent institutions abroad, as well as graduates of university or technological educational institute departments of related fields.
2. Members of the E.E.P. (Special Educational Personnel), E.DI.P. (Special Teaching Staff), and E.T.E.P. (Special Technical Laboratory Staff), can enroll as supernumeraries, and only one person per year for each postgraduate program

organized in the departments of the institution where they serve, provided the postgraduate program is related to their degree and their work at the institution.

1. A Master's degree is not awarded to a student whose first-cycle degree from a foreign institution has not been recognized by the Hellenic NARIC (National Academic Recognition Information Centre), according to Law 3328/2005 (Government Gazette A' 80).
2. Candidates for the postgraduate program can also include final-year students from the aforementioned departments.

### Number of Admitted Students

The annual number of admitted students is set at a maximum of thirty (30) postgraduate students.

#### Required Documents for Application:

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

1. **Application Form** for the postgraduate program (available in printed form from the program's administration office and in electronic form following the announcement).
2. **Copy of Degree or Certificate of Completion** of studies from a Greek University.
3. **Official Transcript** listing all undergraduate courses and the degree classification.
4. **Curriculum Vitae** detailing studies, professional experience, and research activities, if any.
5. **Personal Statement** up to 500 words, outlining the candidate's scientific interests and reasons for wanting to pursue studies in this postgraduate program.
6. **Proof of English Language Proficiency:** Apart from Greek, knowledge of the English language is essential. This can be certified by:
   * A degree from a corresponding foreign language university department.
   * At least a recognized B2 level diploma.

The level of foreign language proficiency can be proven as follows:

* + a) State Certificate of Foreign Language Proficiency (under Law 2740/1999 as replaced by paragraph 19 of Article 13 of Law 3149/2003).
  + b) Degree in Foreign Languages and Philology or Degree in Foreign Languages Translation and Interpretation from Greek universities or equivalent institutions abroad.
  + c) Undergraduate, postgraduate, or doctoral degree from any recognized higher education institution abroad.
  + d) Equivalent secondary education diploma to those of Greek secondary education, acquired after regular attendance of at least six years abroad. A teaching license in a foreign language does not prove knowledge of that language (Presidential Decree 347/2003). Candidates holding such a license must submit a certified copy and an exact translation of the degree on which the teaching license was based.

1. **Evidence of Research and Writing Activities**, participation in student mobility educational programs, and professional experience related to the program's field.
2. **Two (2) Letters of Recommendation**.
3. **Copy of Both Sides of the Identity Card**.

#### Selection Process

The selection of candidates is based on the evaluation of their application file and a personal interview conducted by the three-member selection committee.

**Scoring Criteria**

The total score resulting from the evaluation of the criteria is calculated as follows:

| **No.** | **Criterion** | **Maximum Score** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| 1. | Degree Grade | 10 |
| 2. | Postgraduate Degrees | 10 |
| 3. | Grades in Relevant Undergraduate Courses | 10 |
| 4. | Professional Experience/Expertise in the Relevant Field | 20 |
| 5. | Research Activity | 10 |
| 6. | Writing Activity | 10 |
| 7. | Personal Interview/Personal Statement | 30 |
| **Total** | **100** |  |

The maximum number of points a candidate can accumulate is set at 100.

In case the number of applications does not meet the required quota, the application submission period will be extended from September.

**Tuition Fees**

The total tuition fees for the postgraduate program amount to 3,000 euros per student. Payment is made in two equal installments: the first installment is due upon initial registration in the program, deposited into a special account of the Research Committee of AUTh, and the second installment is due before the beginning of the third semester, deposited into the same account.

**Duration of Studies**

The duration of the program leading to the award of the Master's Degree is three (3) academic semesters, which includes the time for the preparation and assessment of the Master's thesis.

**Further Information:**

For more information, please contact:

* **Program Secretariat**: Tel: +30 2310 991485, between 10:30 AM - 1:30 PM.
* **Medical School Website**: <https://www.med.auth.gr> -> Postgraduate Announcements
* **Program Website**: <https://msccardiovascular.med.auth.gr>
* **Email**: msc-cardiovascular@med.auth.gr

**Application to the Secretariat of the Postgraduate Program**

**"Cardiovascular Disease”**

**APPLICATION FORM**

I hereby apply for admission to the Postgraduate Program in "Cardiovascular Disease"

| **SURNAME:** | .......................................................................... |

| **FIRST NAME:** | .......................................................................... |

| **FATHER'S NAME:** | .......................................................................... |

| **ID CARD NUMBER:** | .......................................................................... |

| **DATE OF BIRTH:** | .......................................................................... |

| **ADDRESS:** | .......................................................................... |

| **PHONE NUMBER:** | .......................................................................... |

| **EMAIL:** | .......................................................................... |

**Attached Documents:**

1. Application form
2. Curriculum Vitae
3. Copy of Degree(s)
4. Transcript of Records
5. Copy of ID Card
6. Proof of good knowledge of the English language (B2 level and above)
7. Scientific publications and distinctions (if any)
8. Two Letters of Recommendation (optional)
9. Other degrees (if any)
10. Personal Statement

**Application Deadline: September 13, 2024**