UNIVERSITY OF THE AEGEAN INTERDEPARTMENTAL POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMME DEPARTMENT OF MEDITERRANEAN STUDIES AND DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY EDUCATION

"ANALYSIS AND TEACHING OF FIRST AND SECOND/FOREIGN LANGUAGE"

CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR THE SELECTION OF POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2022-2023

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The Department of Mediterranean Studies (DMS) in collaboration with the Department of Primary Education (DPE) of the School of Humanities of the University of the Aegean have organized and operated since the academic year 2018-2019 an Interdepartmental Postgraduate Programme entitled "Analysis and teaching of first and second/foreign language" (Government Gazette Issue 2885 B'/19.07.2018), which awards a **Postgraduate Degree (PGD) in "Analysis and teaching of first and second/foreign language"** and provides **Pedagogical and Teaching Proficiency Certification** to its holders.

The subject area of the Interdepartmental Postgraduate Programme (IPGP) is the analysis and teaching of the first, second/foreign language. Its goal is to delve into a variety of issues related to linguistic analysis and to provide expertise in first, second/foreign or heritage language teaching. The programme utilizes knowledge around analysis, language contrast, language didactics, linguistic diversity, second language teaching and aims to provide theoretical and methodological tools for the further development of skills with a focus on language teaching. The course content includes the most modern approaches to the analysis of the grammatical structure and the textual dimension of the language. It also covers modern didactic approaches to language teaching relating to both the structural and the functional dimension of the language and are linked to different needs of teaching the first, second/foreign or heritage language to a variety of audiences (primary and secondary education, adult classes, etc.), which is an innovation of the Programme. It utilizes information technologies in the analysis and teaching of language phenomena and texts both in person and remotely. Emphasis is placed on the analysis and teaching of Greek and other languages of the Southeast Mediterranean region (indicative languages: Arabic, Hebrew, Turkish)

The Programme is full-time and the duration for the awarding of the Postgraduate Degree is set out at three (3) academic semesters, two (2) teaching semesters and the third (3) semester assigned in the preparation of the postgraduate thesis.

According to the Regulation of the IPGP and the current legislation (Law 4559/2018, Government Gazette Issue 142 A'/03.08.2018), the Programme is offered 50% by distance learning.

During the first two academic semesters, the Programme is implemented in a blended learning environment with standard combined forms of face-to-face and distance education.

To obtain the Postgraduate Degree a successful examination in eight (8) courses of the programme is required (four (4) elective courses out of a total of five (5) offered per semester), the successful completion of the postgraduate thesis and the accumulation of 90 ECTS units.

For the academic year 2022-2023 a maximum of **forty (40) postgraduate students** will be admitted to the IPGP "Analysis and teaching of first and second/foreign language".

To be admitted in the IPGP "Analysis and teaching of first and second/foreign language" the students are expected to be graduates of Philosophical and Pedagogical Schools, Social, Political, Cultural, Humanities and Regional Studies Departments of Greek Universities and recognized institutions abroad. Graduates of TEI (former Technological Educational Institutions) Departments of related subject can also be admitted. Finally undergraduate students of Greek Universities, as defined above, provided that they will have completed their obligations and will have presented a certificate proving completion of studies by the date of their registration in the IPGP.

The amount of the required **tuition fees** for the entire programme is set at **€2,500**. It is possible to pay the amount in three (3) installments. The first installment, amounting to 500 euros, is paid within ten (10) days from the announcement of the passing candidates (date of publication in DIAVGEIA). The second installment, amounting to 750 euros, when the student registers in the first semester and the third installment, amounting to 1,250 euros, at the beginning of the second semester on dates determined by the Secretariat. Tuition fees are paid to the Special Research Funds Account (ELKE), which is responsible for managing them. Postgraduate students must pay all their financial obligations on time.

Students of the IPGP are exempt from tuition fees, where tuition is stipulated, if their individual income does not exceed one hundred percent (100%), or their family income does not exceed seventy percent (70%) of the national median disposable equivalent income, according to the most recently published data of the Hellenic Statistical Authority. This exemption is granted for participation in a single Postgraduate Programme. In any case, exempt students should not exceed thirty percent (30%) of the total number of students admitted to the IPGP. If the beneficiaries exceed the above percentage, they are selected in order of ranking starting from those with the lowest income. For the implementation of this paragraph, the incomes of the last tax year, for which at the time of the selection in the IPGP tax clearance has been completed, are taken into consideration by the Committee established pursuant to case δ' of paragraph 3 of article 31 of Law 4485/2017, in accordance with what is defined in the Income Tax Code.

The application for exemption from tuition fees is submitted by the interested party to the Special Interdepartmental Committee after the completion of the selection and registration process of the students at the IPGP. The financial situation of a candidate is in no case a reason for non-selection to the IPGP. Those receiving a scholarship from another source are not entitled to exemption.

In case of non-compliance with the financial obligations, it is possible to temporarily suspend studies or to delete the student from the Programme, following a decision of the Special Interdepartmental Committee.

Postgraduate students are provided with a number of scholarships, the possibility of free meals and accommodation in accordance with the provisions of the Law and the Foundation's Regulations-Decisions.

Scholarships and awards

The IPGP may provide up to two scholarships based on academic criteria to full-time students, in accordance with a decision of the Special Interdepartmental Committee, which determines the amount of the scholarships, the supporting documents and the scholarship awarding process, and the obligations and rights of the scholarship holders (par. 4 article 35 of Law 4485/2017).

Submission of applications

The applications of candidates must be accompanied by the required supporting documents. The application and electronic copies of supporting documents are submitted to the "Nautilus" (https://nautilus.aegean.gr/). Official copies are submitted upon registration.

The supporting documents required are:

- 1. Application for admission in the IPGP
- 2. Curriculum vitae
- 3. Photocopy of degree/diploma or Certificate of completion of studies
- 4. Photocopy of transcript certificate of undergraduate courses on which the grade of the degree/diploma will be indicated.
- 5. Publications in peer-reviewed journals, if any
- 6. Evidence of professional or research activity, if any
- 7. Photocopy of two sides of the police identity card
- 8. A letter of recommendation
- 9. Foreign language certificate of level B2 or higher (good knowledge) in the following foreign languages: English, French, German, Italian, Spanish, Arabic, Hebrew or Turkish. The level of the foreign language competence is proven by the methods and certificates mentioned in the ASEP (Supreme Council for Civil Personnel Selection), for which the applicants must provide clear copies (it is pointed out that a condition for the selection is the sufficient knowledge of at least one language in addition to the language of conducting the IPGP according to article 34 par. 2 of Law 4485/2017).

A Postgraduate Degree is not awarded to a student whose first cycle degree from a foreign Institution has not been recognized by the Interdisciplinary Organization for the Recognition of Academic Degrees and Information (DOATAP), according to Law 3328/2005 (Government Gazette Issue 80 A') - related article 34 par. 7 Law 4485/2017. Therefore, students from foreign Institutions must present a certificate of recognition of the first cycle degree from DOATAP, Certificate of Greek proficiency in the Greek language, in case the applicant does not have Greek nationality or is not a graduate of a Greek University or TEI (former Technological Educational Institution).

Selection Criteria

The evaluation of the specific qualifications of the candidates for the IPGP is undertaken by the Committee for the Examination/Selection of Candidate Postgraduate Students based on a series of selection criteria. During the qualification evaluation process, each candidate accumulates a certain number of points on a scale from 0 to 100. The qualifications that can be scored are the following:

	Criterion	Points (max)
1	Interview	30
2	Final overall grade	20
3	Average mark of specialization courses (Specialization are considered the undergraduate courses which fall into the fields of General, Theoretical, Comparative, Historical, Computational, Applied Linguistics, Sociolinguistics and Didactics/Teaching of 1st, 2nd, foreign language)	10
4	 Foreign Language Language with C2 level certification: 15 Language with B2 level certification: 10 Mediterranean language with certification of at least B1 level or a degree from a relevant Department: 5 	15
5	Performance in thesis	10
6	Research activity - other special qualifications (publications, participation in research projects, participation in Linguistics Summer Schools, demonstrated knowledge of computer use, participation in the ERASMUS programme, participation in training seminars, etc.)	15
Total		100

Candidates who meet the formal requirements will then be invited to **interviews** that will take place at the University premises (it is possible for the interview to take place using new technologies), at a time that will be communicated to the applicants.

During the interview, the applicant's composure and other qualifications, in addition to the Programme-specific ones (specified above), are assessed, among which are communication skills, scientific training mainly in the fields of the IPGP, critical ability and creativity, general research activity, as well as his/her motivation for choosing the specific IPGP.

Interested parties must submit their application through the electronic system "NAUTILUS" of the University of the Aegean at: https://nautilus.aegean.gr/ until June 17 2022 14:00 after carefully following the instructions contained in the user's manual: https://nautilus.aegean.gr/applicant_manual.pdf.

The selection results of the Candidates will be posted on the Department's Website.

More information:

For more information, those interested can contact the Secretariat of IPGP at Dimokratias 1, "Kallipatira" campus building, Rhodes 85132, tel.: 22410 99060 from 10:00-14:00 or by email: rhodes.pms_Ling@aegean.gr or on the websites of the Departments http://dms.aegean.gr/ and http://www.pre.aegean.gr/ or of the IPGP https://dpms-linguistics.aegean.gr/.

The President of the Department of Mediterranean Studies

(the original signed document is kept in the Department's Registrar files) **Professor Katerina Frantzi**