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SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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UNIVERSITY OF PATRAS

2nd Call for Expressions of Interest for the Preparation of a Doctoral Dissertation

At its **meeting No. 104/03.11.2026**, the Assembly of the **Department of Agriculture, School of Agricultural Sciences, University of Patras**, decided to announce **four (4) doctoral candidate positions** for the preparation of doctoral dissertations within the Department's Doctoral Studies Programme, **for the Winter Semester of the academic year 2026–2027**, as follows:

- **Four (4) doctoral candidate positions** in the research field: **Utilization of Residual Biomass for Agricultural Applications**.

This Call for Expressions of Interest is issued in accordance with:

- The provisions of Articles 90 to 97 of Law 4957/2022 (Government Gazette A' 141), as in force;
- University of Patras Senate Decision No. **99107/21.12.2023**, approving the Doctoral Studies Regulations of the Department of Agriculture (**Government Gazette 7442/Series B/29.12.2023**);
- University of Patras Senate Decision No. **73539/25.09.2026**, amending the above Regulations (**Government Gazette 5958/Series B/05.10.2026**).

Eligibility to apply is granted to interested candidates who meet one of the following requirements, in accordance with Article 4 of the Doctoral Studies Regulations:

- They hold a Master's degree awarded by a Higher Education Institution (HEI) in Greece or abroad.
- They have graduated from an undergraduate degree programme at an HEI of at least five (5) years' duration, corresponding to three hundred (300) ECTS credits.

The supporting documents required from each applicant are as follows:

1. An application addressed to the Secretariat of the Department in which the applicant wishes to prepare the doctoral dissertation, specifying: (i) the proposed title of the doctoral dissertation; (ii) the proposed supervisor, whose academic field or scholarly work is relevant to the proposed dissertation; and (iii) the language in which the dissertation will be written, which may be Greek or English.
2. **Copies of academic degrees**, undergraduate and postgraduate, as applicable (these may also be obtained from https://www.gov.gr/ipiresies/ekpaideuse/panepistemia-kai-phoitese/ediplomata, after checking which universities participate in the service, which undergraduate or postgraduate degrees are available, and the year from which they are issued).
3. Copies of transcripts of records for undergraduate and postgraduate studies.
4. A brief memorandum describing the subject of the proposed doctoral dissertation and an outline of the research proposal, including research interests and priorities.
5. A detailed curriculum vitae, which must include: (i) a brief statement of academic and research interests, including the reasons for wishing to pursue doctoral studies in the Department; (ii) a list of scientific publications, if any; and (iii) an abstract of the Master's thesis (for Master's degree holders) or diploma thesis (for holders of an integrated Master's degree).
6. A certificate demonstrating at least good knowledge of English (**B2 level**) in accordance with the classification established by ASEP [Presidential Decree 146/2007, Article 1, "Amendment of provisions of

Presidential Decree 50/2001 on qualifications for appointment to public-sector posts, as in force" (Government Gazette A' 185), in conjunction with Presidential Decree 116/2006, Article 1, final sentence of paragraph 1, "Amendment of Article 28 of Presidential Decree 50/2001" (Government Gazette A' 115)]. Graduates of English-speaking universities are exempt from submitting a language proficiency certificate.

7. Submission to the Department Secretariat of the contact details of at least **two referees** (full name, telephone number and email address). Letters of recommendation must be signed by faculty members of the applicant's educational institution or faculty members of other educational institutions familiar with the applicant's academic qualifications and must be uploaded to https://matrix.upatras.gr/sap/bc/webdynpro/sap/zups_pg_adm#.
8. Copies of papers prepared during undergraduate and postgraduate studies, if any.
9. A solemn declaration that the applicant is not simultaneously pursuing another doctoral dissertation at a university in Greece or abroad.
10. Certificates confirming any previous professional and/or research experience, if any.
11. Applicants from abroad may submit their application and the required supporting documents in English. Degrees, certificates and other documents issued in another language must be submitted in accordance with the provisions in force concerning official translation, authentication and academic recognition. Admission requirements and criteria apply uniformly to domestic and international applicants, subject to any specific requirements concerning certification of proficiency in the language in which the doctoral dissertation will be prepared and written.
12. A recent photograph.

Applicants may additionally submit any other document they consider may strengthen their application.

Applicants must also submit a **Research Proposal** together with the above documents, containing the following:

α. A title, subject area(s), and two (2) to five (5) keywords.
β. The language of preparation/writing of the dissertation, which may be other than Greek.
γ. A brief description of the topic (200–400 words).

The selection of doctoral candidates is carried out in accordance with Article 6 of the Doctoral Studies Regulations, as in force:

The following criteria are taken into account when evaluating applications:

1. The relevance of the applicant's academic qualifications to the advertised research field.
2. The recommendations contained in the submitted letters of recommendation.
3. The assessment arising from the personal interview with the applicant.

The following are also considered:

- Scientific publications, if any.
- Previous professional and/or research experience.
- The content and scientific relevance of the submitted research proposal.

Applications and all supporting documents must be submitted electronically through the online portal: https://matrix.upatras.gr/sap/bc/webdynpro/sap/zups_pg_adm# **by 20.12.2026 at 23:59 (inclusive).**

Selection Procedure

The Department Assembly groups the submitted applications according to the relevance of the research subject and appoints a three-member Application Evaluation Committee for each group of applications.
The Committee, consisting of faculty members of the Department, examines the applications and accompanying supporting documents and invites the applicants to an interview.
The Committee then submits to the Department Assembly a detailed report setting out the reasons for recommending that each applicant be accepted or rejected, as well as the proposed supervisor where the applicant has not proposed one.
After obtaining the proposed supervisor's opinion and considering the Committee's report, the Department Assembly issues a reasoned decision to accept or reject the application.
For successful applicants, the Department Assembly, by the same decision, appoints a **Three-Member Advisory Committee**, comprising the supervisor and two additional members.
The same decision also specifies the language in which the doctoral dissertation will be prepared, written and publicly defended, which may be Greek or English.
If the doctoral dissertation is written in English, the final text must include an extended abstract in Greek. For international candidates who do not speak Greek, the Greek abstract may be prepared with scientific and linguistic assistance from the supervisor and the Three-Member Advisory Committee, without altering the scientific content, in accordance with Article 6.2 of the Regulations, as amended and in force.

Duration of Doctoral Studies and Obligations of Doctoral Candidates

Duration of Doctoral Studies

In accordance with Article 8 of the Doctoral Studies Regulations:

- The minimum period for the award of a doctoral degree is three (3) full calendar years from the date of appointment of the Three-Member Advisory Committee.
- The maximum period for completion of the doctoral dissertation is six (6) calendar years.
- An extension of the maximum period by one (1) year may be granted at the candidate's request and with the consent of the Three-Member Advisory Committee, subject to the conditions laid down in the Regulations.

The possibility of suspending studies and the related requirements are governed by Article 8.2 of the Regulations.

Obligations of Doctoral Candidates

Doctoral candidates are required to comply with the current Doctoral Studies Regulations of the Department of Agriculture, particularly with regard to:

- The consistent preparation of their doctoral dissertation and the monitoring of their research progress.
- Cooperation with their supervisor and the Three-Member Advisory Committee.
- Submission of the prescribed progress reports.
- Compliance with academic and research obligations arising from the Regulations.
- Participation in the prescribed scientific and educational activities.
- Fulfillment of the scientific publication requirements set out in Article 9.2 of the Regulations.

In particular, under Article 9.2 of the Regulations, at least two (2) scientific papers relevant to the dissertation subject must have been published or accepted for publication, with the candidate being the first author of at least one paper published in a recognized international peer-reviewed journal.
Furthermore, in accordance with the amendment to Article 9.2 of the Regulations (**Government Gazette 5958/Series B/05.10.2026**), doctoral candidates must successfully complete the seminar of the Library and Information Centre of the University of Patras entitled **"Basic Guidelines for Information Literacy"**, or another equivalent seminar designated by a decision of the competent bodies of the University of Patras.

Successful completion of the seminar is certified by submitting the relevant certificate to the Department Secretariat; the certificate is then entered in the doctoral candidate's individual file.
This requirement applies during the period of doctoral studies and **does not constitute a supporting document required for application to this Call**.

Supervision of Doctoral Dissertations

In accordance with Article 7.5 of the Regulations, as amended, each faculty member of the Department may simultaneously supervise up to ten (10) doctoral candidates.
The assumption of supervisory duties requires the consent of the faculty member and confirmation by the Department Assembly that the member has the necessary time, scientific relevance, infrastructure, and capacity to provide meaningful and effective supervision.

Further information is available from the Secretariat of the Department of Agriculture (tel. 26310 58345, 58296), email: geoponia@upatras.gr, and the Department's website: https://agriculture.upatras.gr.

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