



**ΔΙ-ΙΔΡΥΜΑΤΙΚΟ ΠΡΟΓΡΑΜΜΑ ΜΕΤΑΠΤΥΧΙΑΚΩΝ ΣΠΟΥΔΩΝ
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**INTER-INSTITUTIONAL POSTGRADUATE STUDIES PROGRAM (MSc) in
“HYDROCARBON EXPLORATION AND EXPLOITATION”**

Aristotle University of Thessaloniki – School of Geology, National Technical University of Athens – School of Mining and Metallurgical Engineering, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens – School of Geology and Geo-Environment, Democritus University of Thrace – School of Economics



ACADEMIC YEAR 2026-2027

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Ref. No. 17

Thessaloniki, July 15, 2026

The Department of Geology of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, acting as the coordinating department, jointly with the School of Mining and Metallurgical Engineering of the National Technical University of Athens, the Department of Geology and Geoenvironment of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, and the Department of Economics of Democritus University of Thrace, announces fifteen (15) places in the Inter-Institutional Postgraduate Studies Program (I.P.S.P.), leading to the award of the following degree:

**POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA OF SPECILIZATION (MASTER OF SCIENCE)
IN
“HYDROCARBON EXPLORATION AND EXPLOITATION”**

Applications will be accepted from Monday, 13 July 2026 until Friday, 9 October 2026.

Applications must be submitted online through the website: <https://enrollment.auth.gr>, according to the instructions.

The Inter-Institutional Postgraduate Studies Program (I.P.S.P.) accepts graduates of Schools of Natural Sciences, Engineering Schools, Departments of Environmental Sciences, and, more generally, graduates of Greek Universities holding degrees relevant to the Program's field of specialization, as well as graduates of recognized equivalent institutions abroad. Graduates of former Technological Educational Institutes (TEIs) with relevant academic backgrounds are also eligible. In addition to graduates who have already obtained their degree, applicants who can demonstrate that they will complete all degree requirements or whose graduation ceremony is pending by October 9th 2026, are also eligible to apply.

For holders of degrees awarded by foreign higher education institutions, pursuant to Article 36(2) of Law 5029/2023 (Government Gazette 55A/2023), amending the first and second paragraphs of Article 304(4) of Law 4957/2022, Greek Higher Education Institutions determine whether a foreign institution or a type of degree awarded by a foreign institution is recognized based on the National Registry of Recognized Higher Educational Institutes and Academic Degrees. If the degree has been

awarded by a foreign institution operating under a franchise agreement included in the relevant list maintained by Hellenic National Academic Recognition and Information Center (DOATAP), applicants must additionally submit a Certificate for the Location of Studies.

The electronic application must be accompanied by the following supporting documents, uploaded in PDF format to the designated fields of the online application system.

Required documents

1. *Application form.*
2. *Detailed curriculum vitae (CV).*
3. *Bachelor's degree certificate.*
4. *Official transcript of records indicating the exact Grade Point Average (GPA).*
5. *Two letters of recommendation regarding the applicant's academic qualifications, preferably from university faculty members.*
6. *Proof of English language, preferably Cambridge Proficiency, University of Michigan Proficiency, TOEFL (computer-based) score of at least 215, or IELTS score of at least 6.0. Proof of English proficiency is not required for graduates of English-speaking universities.*
7. *Recent digital passport-style photograph in color, clear quality, neutral background, dimensions 240 × 240 pixels, JPG format, maximum size 2 MB.*
8. *National Identity Card or Passport.*
9. *Recognition certificate issued by Hellenic National Academic Recognition and Information Center (DOATAP) for degrees obtained from foreign universities.*

Additional supporting documents (if available)

10. *Another postgraduate degree.*
11. *Letters of recommendation concerning professional experience from employers.*
12. *Other evidence of scientific activity and/or professional experience.*
13. *Additional qualifications.*

Applicants who have submitted a complete electronic application with all required supporting documents by the deadline will be evaluated in three stages.

Stage One: The Evaluation Committee, consisting of members of the Program Committee, reviews all applications, prepares the list of eligible candidates, and shortlists those with the highest scores for interview. Candidates' qualifications and the completeness of their application files are assessed using a multi-criteria evaluation method in accordance with the Program Regulations and scored through a dedicated evaluation algorithm.

Stage Two: Shortlisted applicants will be invited to an interview, which will take place during the second half of October 2026. Following the interviews, the Evaluation Committee ranks all candidates according to their final scores, from highest to lowest.

Stage Three: The Program Committee approves the final list of admitted students for the first semester of the Interinstitutional Program of Postgraduate Studies for the Academic Year 2026–2027, together with a reserve list of eligible candidates.

Students enrolled in the Program are required to pay total tuition fees of €5,200, payable as €2,600 per academic year.

Furthermore, pursuant to Article 86 of Law 4957/2022 (Government Gazette A141/21.7.2022), **"New Horizons in Higher Education Institutions: Enhancing the Quality,**

Functionality and Connection of Higher Education Institutions with Society and Other Provisions", students enrolled in postgraduate programs may be exempted from tuition fees, where such fees are applicable, provided that they satisfy the prescribed financial or social criteria.

Eligibility for tuition fee exemption on financial or social grounds additionally requires academic excellence during undergraduate studies, corresponding to a minimum GPA of 7.5/10, where the undergraduate degree has been assessed under the Greek ten-point grading system. For degrees awarded by foreign institutions, this criterion is applied proportionally according to the grading system of the awarding institution.

The number of students granted tuition fee waivers may not exceed 30% of the total number of enrolled students in each academic year. Where the calculation results in a decimal number, it is rounded to the nearest whole number. If the number of eligible applicants exceeds the available quota, exemptions are granted according to descending ranking until the maximum number is reached.

Applications for tuition fee exemption are submitted after completion of the student admission process.

All courses are held in Thessaloniki, Greece. Faculty members from all collaborating universities, organizations, and industry partners travel to Thessaloniki to deliver their teaching.

Further information may be obtained from the Program Secretariat:

Email: hydrocarbons@geo.auth.gr

Website: <https://hydrocarbons.geo.auth.gr/en/home-eng/>

**Director of The Inter-Institutional Postgraduate Studies Program (I.P.S.P.)
“HYDROCARBON EXPOLORATION AND EXPLOITATION”**

PROFESSOR NIKOLAOS KANTIRANIS

ARISTOTLE UNIVERSITY OF THESSALONIKI

FACULTY OF SCIENCES DEPARTMENT OF GEOLOGY

Inter-Institutional Postgraduate Studies Program “Hydrocarbon Exploration and Exploitation”

Enrollment Application

To: The Secretariat of the I.P.S.P.

Academic Year: 2026–2027

Student Registration No.:

(to be completed by the Secretariat)

Surname	
First Name	
Father's Name	
Mother's Name	
Date of Birth	
Place of Birth	
Nationality	
ID Card No. / Issuing Authority / Date of Issue	
Social Security No. (AMKA)	
Permanent Address / Postal Code	
Temporary Address / Postal Code	
Phone Number	
Mobile Phone Number	
Email:	
I wish my email address to be shared with the Association of Postgraduate Students and Doctoral Candidates of the Department of	YES / NO

I kindly request that my enrollment in the Inter-Institutional Postgraduate Studies Program “Hydrocarbon Exploration and Exploitation” for the academic year 2026–2027 be approved.

Thessaloniki,

Yours sincerely,

(Signature)