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Invitation for Expression of Interest:

Research Assignment “Microbiological studies related to the application of cold plasma treatment to tomatoes and peppers”

The Institute of Chemical Engineering Sciences, Foundation for Research and Technology - Hellas, (FORTH/ICE-HT) is seeking applicants for one research assignment in the context of the research project «Comprehensive and sustainable solution to minimize food loss and waste and promoting food security in the Mediterranean region», acronym: FUSION, GA: 2431, which is implemented under the “Mediterranean Area Programme (PRIMA)” supported by the European Union’s Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme».

Job Description

To conduct research under a work assignment or a fixed-term employment contract in the framework of the aforementioned project “FUSION”. The main objective of this position is “Microbiological studies related to the application of cold plasma treatment to tomatoes and peppers”.

Location: FORTH/ICE-HT, Patras, Greece

Duration: up to 5 months, with the potential of renewal or extension according to the needs of the project and performance

Salary: up to approximately 1600 € per month (total cost of the employer, including social security and taxes) depending on the qualifications and time devoted to project

Envisaged starting date: 01/02/2026

Requirements and Qualifications

Candidates are required to hold a diploma in Natural Sciences and an MSc within agriculture and food science. The candidate should have been registered as a PhD candidate in food research. Experience with microbiology, postharvest quality, and sustainable processing technologies is required. Participation in research projects for at least one year would be strongly favored. The candidate must have knowledge of the English language (at least level B1)

The evaluation of the candidacies will be based on the following criteria and qualifications:



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Qualifications	Weight	Evaluation criteria
Experience in food microbiology and quality assessment	20	Duration of proven participation in relevant projects (5 points/semester, max. 20 points)
MSc thesis relevant to plant or food sciences	20	Relevance of the MSc thesis: strong relevance: 20 points, medium relevance: 15 points, weak relevance: 10 points
MSc degree grade	20	Grade X 2 points
Scientific publications in international peer-reviewed journals and/or conferences, related to sustainable food	20	Number of relevant publications in Journals and/or conferences (5 point/publication, max 20 points)
Interview	20	(a) Background in the objective of the assignment (5 points). (b) Organizational and communication skills (5 points). (c) Team-spirit and self-motivation (5 points). (d) Commitment to achieving the goals (5 points)
Overall	100	

Application Submission

Interested candidates who meet the aforementioned requirements should submit their applications, no later than 8/12/2025, 12:00h., by email to Kleanthi Zacharopoulou: kleanthi@iceht.forth.gr, cc.: Dr. Christos Aggelopoulos: caggelop@iceht.forth.gr.

In order to be considered, the application must include:

- Application letter
- CV
- Scanned copies of academic titles & English language certificate
- Certificate of registration as a PhD candidate
- Copy of the MSc diploma thesis
- Copies of publications in Journals and/or conferences
- Employer's certificate and any other official documentation of the required experience

Any application received after the deadline will not be considered for the selection.

Selection Procedure

Applications that are received on time will be evaluated by a scientific committee using the criteria mentioned above.

The outcome of the selection will be announced on the website of FORTH/ICE-HT as well as on the website of "DIAVGEIA".

In case of titles and qualifications awarded by foreign Higher Education Institutions, the provisions of the Law 55/2023 (article 36) and 4957/2022 (article 304) are implemented.

Selection Announcement

The result of the selection will be announced on the website of FORTH/ICE-HT.

Candidates have the right to appeal the selection decision, by addressing their written objection to the FORTH/ICE-HT Research Secretariat, e-mail: kleanthi@iceht.forth.gr, within five (5) days after the results announcement on the web.

Contact

For information and questions regarding the application and selection procedure, candidates are asked to contact the FORTH/ICE-HT Research Secretariat, e-mail: kleanthi@iceht.forth.gr, tel.: +30 2610 965278.

For information and questions about the advertised position and the research activity of the group or the Institute, candidates are asked to contact Dr. Christos Aggelopoulos: tel: 30 2610 965205, email: caggelop@iceht.forth.gr

General Protection Data Regulation

FORTH is compliant with all legal procedures for the processing of personal data as defined by the Regulation EU/2016/679 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data.

FORTH processes the personal data and relevant supporting documents that you have submitted to us. Processing of that data is carried out exclusively for the needs and purposes of this specific call. Such data shall not be transmitted to or communicated to any third party unless required by law.

FORTH retains the above data up to the announcement of the final results of the call, unless further process and reservation is required by law or for purposes of exercise, enforcement, prosecution of certain one's legitimate legal rights as defined in the Regulation EU/2016/679 and/or in national law. We inform you that under the Regulation EU/2016/679 you have the rights to be informed about your personal data, access to, rectification and erasure, restrictions of process and objection to as provided by applicable regulation and national laws.

We acknowledge also to you, that you have the right to file a complaint to the national Data Protection Authority. For any further information regarding exercise of your personal data protection rights, you may contact the Data Protection Officer at FORTH at dpo@admin.forth.gr.

You have the right to withdraw your application and consent for the processing of your personal data at any time. We inform you that, in this case, FORTH shall destroy such documents and/or supporting documents submitted and shall delete the related personal data.

For FORTH/ICE-HT,

Theophilos Ioannides
Director