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Invitation for Expression of Interest:

PhD Fellowship “Characterization of gaseous and particulate emissions from low-carbon fuel powertrains using advanced measurement techniques”

The Institute of Chemical Engineering Sciences (ICE-HT) of the Foundation for Research and Technology – Hellas (FORTH) is seeking applicants for one PhD candidate position in the context of the research project “Safe and sustainable LOW-Carbon fuels for heavy-duty, aviation, and maritime sectors (LowC) GA- 101192913 — LowC” which is implemented under the HORIZON-CL5-2024-D5-01-18 call.

Job Description

To conduct research as a PhD candidate in the framework of the aforementioned project “LowC”. The following LowC specific objectives will be pursued to address the requirements of the call: i) Test and validate operating conditions for all required powertrains, ii) Extensively characterize primary particle and gas emissions from heavy-duty, aircraft and ship powertrains running on novel low-carbon fuels, iii) Identify and quantify secondary aerosol formation.

The objective of this position is the experimental characterization of gaseous and particulate air pollutant emissions from heavy-duty, aircraft, and ship powertrains operating with novel low-carbon fuels, through the application and evaluation of advanced measurement techniques.

Location: FORTH/ICE-HT, Patras, Greece

Duration: up to 6 months, with the potential of renewal or extension according to the needs of the project and performance

Fellowship: up to approximately 1000 € per month (graduate fellowship) depending on qualifications

Envisaged starting date: 1/11/2026

Requirements and Qualifications

Candidates are required to hold a diploma from a Polytechnic School. Experience in atmospheric aerosols is required. Additionally, candidates should have been enrolled in a PhD program in Chemical Engineering or a relevant field. Moreover, the candidate must be fluent in the Greek and English (at least B1 level) language.

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

Qualifications	Weight	Evaluation criteria
Proven research experience in the measurements of air pollutants	40	2 points per month, max 40 points
Diploma grade	30	Diploma grade X 3 points



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Publications in peer-reviewed journals on measurements of air pollutants	30	5 points per publication, max 30 points
Overall	100	

Application Submission

Interested candidates who meet the aforementioned requirements should submit their applications, no later than 30/9/2026, 16:00, by email to Kleanthi Zacharopoulou: kleanthi@iceht.forth.gr, cc: spyros@chemeng.upatras.gr.

In order to be considered, the application must include:

- Application letter
- CV
- Scanned copies of academic titles & English language certificate
- Copies of publications in peer-reviewed journals
- Certificate of registration as a PhD candidate
- 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. If necessary, certain candidates will be invited to a personal interview with the committee.

Interview Criteria:

(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)

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 Professor Spyros Pandis, tel: +30 2610 969510, e-mail: spyros@chemeng.upatras.gr.



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General Protection Data Regulation

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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

