



Deadline extension

**One (1) PhD student position
in CoCoGel project**

Controlling Colloidal Gels for Novel Sustainable Materials

(Topic: HORIZON-MSCA-2022-DN-01-01 - MSCA Doctoral Networks 2022

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The Institute of Electronic Structure and Laser of the Foundation for research and Technology Hellas (IESL -FORTH), in the framework of the project CoCoGel, (Call: HORIZON-MSCA-2022-DN-01, GA 101120301), Funded under HORIZON-TMA-MSCA-DN-ID - HORIZON TMA MSCA Doctoral Networks – Industrial Doctorates, is seeking to recruit one (1) PhD student.

FORTH is seeking for one motivated PhD Candidate to work in the field of Soft Matter. The "CoCoGel" Network involves leading experts from 12 European labs and Industries with vast experience in experiments, computer simulations, and industrial systems. The candidate will enroll in the PhD program of the Department of Materials Science and Technology of University of Crete.

Job Description

Tuning model colloidal gels by external shear and flow – Applications to energy related materials (DC1)

For details on the research projects see: <https://cocogel.iesl.forth.gr/esr-projects>

To qualify for the positions, you cannot have resided or carried out your main activity (work, studies, etc.) in Greece for more than 12 months in the 36 months preceding the recruitment start date. The candidates will spend 9 months at industrial of the CoCoGel project

Required qualifications

- Undergraduate degree and Master's in fields covering soft matter fundamentals (e.g., chemical engineering, physics, materials science) (25%)
- Background in physical chemistry and Laboratory experience with soft materials (polymeric, colloidal) (25%)
- Two (2) Recommendation letters (25%)
- Publications and Presentation/communication skills (25%)

Additional qualifications

- Experience in experimental techniques, especially rheology, scattering or microscopy (15%)
- Experience in programming and computer simulations (15%)

Location: IESL-FORTH, Heraklion Crete GREECE

Start Date (earliest): July 1, 2026

Project Duration: 18 Months by CoCoGel project and 18 months by Internal funding

Application Submission

Interested candidates who meet the aforementioned requirements are kindly asked to submit their applications, no later than **May 27, 2026, 23:59 local Greece time** to the address (hr@iesl.forth.gr), with cc to Prof. George Petekidis (georgp@iesl.forth.gr) and Mr. Denis Botog (cocogel@iesl.forth.gr).

In order to be considered, the application must include:

- Application Form (please download file from the job announcement webpage <https://www.iesl.forth.gr/en/jobs-bids/jobs/job-positions>)
- Detailed curriculum vitae (CV) of the candidate
- Scanned Copies of academic titles

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

For information and questions regarding the application and selection procedure, candidates are asked to contact the secretariat (hr@iesl.forth.gr), tel. +30 2810-391314.

For information and questions about the advertised position and the research activity of the group or the institute, candidates are asked to contact Prof. George Petekidis (georgp@iesl.forth.gr), tel. +30 2810-391490.

Selection Announcement

The result of the selection will be announced on the website of IESL-FORTH.

Candidates have the right to appeal the selection decision, by addressing their written objection to the IESL secretariat within five (5) days since the results announcement on the web. They also have the right to access (a) the files of the candidates as well as (b) the table of candidates' scores (ranking of candidates results). All the above information related to the selection procedure will be available at the secretariat of IESL-FORTH in line with the Hellenic Data Protection Authority.

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