



**One (1) PhD candidate position**  
**in QLUSTER project**  
**Quantum and Classical Ultrasoft Matter**

***(Call: MSCA Doctoral Networks 2021 (HORIZON-MSCA-2021-DN-01), GA 101072964)***  
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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 QLUSTER, (P.I. Prof. D. Vlassopoulos, Call: HORIZON-MSCA-2021-DN-01, GA ID 101072964), funded under REA, is seeking to recruit one PhD candidate in the effects of attraction and polydispersity on the flow properties of frustrated soft colloids.

**PhD candidate**

Consider mixed shape colloids (eg spheres and rods) of different softness. A starting point can be grafted particles, by varying grafting density. Also, same shape, different size. Finally, replace matrix (molecular or viscoelastic material). Focus on nonlinear shear and uniaxial extensional rheology. A 3D mapping diagram of molecular parameters vs rheological state is targeted. Subsequently, important effects such as thixotropy, Payne effect and instabilities will be investigated. A connection to structure will be attempted. Interpretation using simulations (via collaboration) is also planned.

**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 rheology (15%)
- Laboratory experience with properties of soft materials (polymeric, colloidal), especially rheology (25%)
- Recommendation letters (25%)
- Presentation/communication skills (10%)

**Location:** IESL-FORTH, Heraklion Crete GREECE

**Start Date (earliest):** May 1, 2023

**Project Duration:** 12 Months with possibility of extension (to 3 years) according to the needs of the project

**Budget (gross per month):** approx. 2760 – 3134 euro

### **Application Submission**

Interested candidates who meet the aforementioned requirements are kindly asked to submit their applications, no later than **February 17, 2023, 23:59 local Greece time** to the address ([hr@iesl.forth.gr](mailto:hr@iesl.forth.gr)), with cc to the P.I., Prof. D. Vlassopoulos ([dvlasso@iesl.forth.gr](mailto:dvlasso@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
- Recent certificate for enrollment in a PhD program

### **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](mailto:hr@iesl.forth.gr)), tel. +30 2810-391301.

For information and questions about the advertised position and the research activity of the group or the institute, candidates are asked to contact Prof. D. Vlassopoulos ([dvlasso@iesl.forth.gr](mailto:dvlasso@iesl.forth.gr)), tel. +30 2810-391469.

### **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.

### **GDPR**

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