



Plato's Academy: Pathways to Knowledge

Call for the expression of interest by students for the summer school of Philosophy and Applied Research

14 - 28 July 2013

The University of Athens in collaboration with the Foundation for Hellenic World and the Onassis Cultural Center, is launching a project entitled «Plato's Academy:- the development of Knowledge and innovative ideas», which is co-funded by the European Union (European Social Fund) and national resources, through the Operational Programme «Education and Lifelong Learning» (NSRF 2007 - 2013)...

The objectives of the project_are the following

the support of research concerning the development of knowledge and innovative ideas as a contributing factor to social and economic progress

the development of a network of cooperation connecting Greek and overseas educational establishments, as well as individual researchers and research institutions

the utilization of a historical neighborhood of Athens and its cultural heritage as the starting point for the acquisition of knowledge and for the development of alternative learning methods.

Within the framework of this project, FHW will organize and run for second consecutive year a multidisciplinary summer school, the overall theme of which will be to consider the impact of Platonic (mainly) philosophy on contemporary issues relevant to science and technology.







The Summer School of Philosophy and Applied Research is addressed to postgraduate students and researchers from all over the world, from mainly scientific and technological backgrounds who are interested in investigating the relationship between applied research and its underlying principles, and the ways in which applied research supplies feedback for, and occasionally overturns, these same principles. The number of students who will participate will be twenty and they will be selected by a special academic committee following a thorough assessment of the applications that candidates will submit.

The Project covers the teaching expenses and the educational materials provided. Additionally, it fully covers the students' meals and accommodation in twin bedrooms, as well as their daily transportation to and from the teaching venues. Lastly, the Project will cover 3 educational outings in and around Athens which are part of the summer school program. The students will have to cover the transportation cost from their place of residence to Athens and back.

The Summer School has already run from 15 to 29 July 2012 with great success (the curriculum with a sort description of the topics and the instructors' CVs are available at the tab "Curriculum & Lectures 2012).

This Call is addressed to candidates for this year's programme. The venue will be the facilities of FHW in Athens, specifically the Hellenic Cosmos (www.hellenic-cosmos.gr/). The students that will be finally chosen are expected to Athens at Sunday July 14th 2013, the opening date for lectures is Monday, July 15th and the closing date is Sunday, July 28th.

The programme includes 32 hours of lectures, 16 hours of workshops and 3 visits to sites of historical and archaeological interest, where specific activities related to the programme will be carried out. The language of instruction will be English and the teachers/instructors will be academics, researchers and specialized scientists whose research focuses on seeking the connection between philosophy, science and technology either from a scientific or a philosophical point of view.

During the summer school the issues which will be examined and presented will be both practical and methodological, drawn from various themes such as the basic principles of Platonic Philosophy, Bioethics, Theory of Knowledge, Philosophy of Language and Communication, Ethics, Logic, Philosophy of Mathematics, Philosophy of Science, Philosophy of Mind etc.











The detailed programme of instruction will be soon published in the summer school's link http://summerschool.fhw.gr/plato

Deadline for the applications: 30th April 2013

Selection process to be completed: 31th May 2013.

Anyone interested in participating in the Summer School are kindly requested to send a detailed curriculum vitae accompanied by the application form attached, by April 30^t, to our contact email: summerschool@fhw.gr.

Please do not forget to include the reference code: plato2013 in any communication.







