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# Bodossaki Foundation - Greeks in AI

*Supporting outstanding doctoral researchers to pursue high-impact AI research through international collaboration*

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<b>Program Overview</b> The Fellowship supports doctoral researchers based at Greek universities who seek to undertake a high-value research visit at a leading host institution abroad. The aim is to strengthen international collaboration, advance ambitious AI research, and create lasting links between the Greek research ecosystem and top global labs.	<b>Fellowship at a Glance</b>	
	<b>Duration</b>	Up to 6 months
	<b>Funding</b>	Up to €16,000
	<b>Host</b>	University or research center abroad
	<b>Eligibility</b>	PhD researchers at Greek university; Greek nationality; Age: under 35

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## RESEARCH AREAS

The program welcomes proposals across all areas of Artificial Intelligence and closely related fields. Topics of particular interest include:

- Machine learning, deep learning, foundation models, and data-centric AI
- Robotics, autonomy, and embodied intelligence
- Natural language processing, computer vision, speech, and multimodal AI
- AI systems, optimization, data science, and computational methods
- AI safety, fairness, interpretability, and human-AI interaction
- Interdisciplinary AI applications (e.g., health, science, engineering, social good) with strong technical depth

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## ELIGIBILITY

- Applicants must be PhD researchers registered at a Greek university or research center.
- Applicants must be in an active stage of doctoral research.
- Applicants must have secured an invitation or acceptance letter from a host institution abroad.
- Applicants must be of Greek nationality or descent.
- The research visit must be completed before the applicant's 35th birthday.
- Applicants must lack the financial means to self-fund the visit and will be required to sign a declaration to confirm this.

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## FUNDING

The fellowship provides up to €16,000, in line with the Bodossaki Foundation's Visiting Researchers Scholarship Programme. The award covers travel, accommodation, and research-related expenses as follows:

- €2,500 per month for visits to universities in the USA or Canada
- €2,000 per month for visits to universities in other countries
- €1,000 one-time relocation and travel allowance

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## APPLICATION PACKAGE

- Detailed curriculum vitae
- Proof of PhD researcher status
- Short description of the doctoral research project

- Research plan for the proposed visit period
- Invitation letter from the host researcher or institution
- Recommendation letter from the doctoral supervisor
- Solemn Declaration (υπεύθυνη δήλωση) per Law 1599/1986, issued via gov.gr, stating that:
  - (a) the financial capacity of both the candidate and their parents is limited with respect to funding the proposed research visit;
  - (b) the candidate has not been selected for, nor is currently receiving, any other scholarship or financial support from another institution for the purposes of this research visit; and that, if selected for or granted such support in the future, they will promptly declare it in writing;
  - (c) the candidate has not been convicted of, nor is currently facing charges for, any offenses prosecuted under criminal law.

*The Bodossaki Foundation has a partnership with the Hellenic Institute of Advanced Studies. If you are searching for a potential host, you are encouraged, but not required, to contact HIAS members, who can be found at [hellenic-ias.org/people](https://hellenic-ias.org/people).*

## SUBMISSION AND KEY DEADLINES

Applications should be submitted as a single PDF file in Greek or English via [submission email / application portal].

Date	Milestone
1 May	Call opens
15 June	Application deadline
June	Administrative eligibility check and expert review
July	Finalist presentations at Greeks in AI PhD Workshop; final selection and notification of fellows
Sep 2026 - Jun 2027	Indicative window for research visits

## REVIEW PROCESS

All eligible applications will be evaluated jointly by Greeks in AI and the Bodossaki Foundation through a merit-based review process. The review will consider both scientific quality and the strategic value of the proposed international visit.

- Stage 1: administrative and eligibility screening
- Stage 2: academic review of the application package
- Stage 3: final selection based on overall quality, fit, and expected impact

## EVALUATION CRITERIA

- Academic background and research trajectory of the applicant
- Quality, clarity, originality, and ambition of the proposed research plan
- Relevance of the visit to the doctoral dissertation
- Strength of the host institution and the proposed collaboration
- Expected impact after the applicant's return, including prospects for longer-term collaboration

## VISIT TIMELINE AND EXPECTED OUTCOMES

The proposed visit should be clearly scoped, feasible within a six-month period, and aligned with the applicant's doctoral milestones. Applicants are encouraged to describe what will be accomplished before, during, and after the visit.

- Before the visit: preparation of a focused research agenda with the host group
- During the visit: active collaboration, research execution, and integration into the host lab

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- After the visit: consolidation of results, follow-on collaboration, and dissemination within the Greeks in AI community

## **FELLOW RESPONSIBILITIES**

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- Complete the visit within the approved fellowship period
- Submit a short report at the conclusion of the visit
- Share outcomes through a short presentation or community event, if requested

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**Contact:** [contact email] | [website or submission link]