

FOUNDATION FOR RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY – HELLAS INSTITUTE OF COMPUTER SCIENCE

The Foundation for Research and Technology - Hellas (FORTH) established, as of the academic year 2007-2008, the award of distinguished undergraduate scholarships to the five (5) students who are admitted to the Computer Science Department of the University of Crete having received the highest grades according to the Greek National University Entrance Examination System. These distinguished scholarships are awarded in memory of Stelios Orphanoudakis, who was Professor at the Computer Science Department of the University of Crete, Director of the Institute of Computer Science of -FORTH for one decade (1994-2004), and President of FORTH from 2004 until his in March 2005. Since the academic year 2008-2009, three (3) additional scholarships are awarded to undergraduate students in their 2nd, 3rd and 4th years of attendance based on excellence in the achieved results.

The distinguished scholarships are awarded to eligible students regardless of age, economic status and nationality, amounting to 600 Euros per month for the full duration of their undergraduate studies (4 years), provided that the students' performance remains excellent.

The distinguished scholarships "Stelios Orphanoudakis" constitute an honourable reward, indicative of a student's excellent performance throughout his/her studies. Furthermore, the students awarded the scholarship will have priority eligibility in receiving a specialization scholarship from the Institute of Computer Science of FORTH for their postgraduate studies at the Computer Science Department of the University of Crete.

FORTH is one of the most important research centres in Greece, under the supervision of the General Secretariat for Research and Technology (GSRT) of the Hellenic Ministry of Development, and, and enjoys wide international recognition. Its "excellence" is evident from the results of the latest evaluation of all Greek research centres, organized by the Hellenic Ministry of Development. According to this evaluation, conducted by a group of high caliber international experts, FORTH is the best research centre in Greece. The Institute of Computer Science of FORTH conducts groundbreaking research on Informatics and Telecommunication, and plays a leading role in the advance and adoption of Information Society Technology at a national and international level.

Since its establishment in 1983, the Institute has been in close collaboration with the Computer Science Department of the University of Crete, forming an attraction pole for leading - scientists, many of whom have served as distinguished professors in top foreign universities.

At the Institute of Computer Science of FORTH, many students of the Computer Science Department of the University of Crete can have hands on experience on current research developments during their studies through specialization scholarships. More than 100 such scholarships are awarded to undergraduate and postgraduate students each year.

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