A PhD student position in *“Assessment of Soil Microbial Diversity Using Bioinformatics Methods”*, International Hellenic University, Thermi, Greece

The International Hellenic University (IHU) is Greece’s first public university where programmes are taught exclusively in English. The School of Science and Technology (SST) has been established to provide excellence in Technology Education and Research. Its activities cover research and postgraduate programmes on Product Design, Energy Systems, Environmental Sustainability, Molecular and Microbial Ecology, Bioinformatics, and Information and Communication Technology (ICT). The School’s philosophy is to provide state-of-the-art multi-disciplinary education.

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**Topic:**

The PhD candidate will investigate the integration of two fields, Microbial Ecology and Bioinformatics, by combining multi-level environmental data (e.g., remote sensing, physicochemical parameters), high-throughput sequencing technologies, and advanced bioinformatics tools to assess soil microbial diversity and its functional relevance across spatial and temporal scales. The candidate will aim to build data-driven models that capture the interactions between soil microbial communities and key ecosystem functions under varying environmental pressures.

**Requirements:**

The candidate should have:

1. Degree in Biology.
2. Master of Science in Bioinformatics.
3. Very good knowledge of written and spoken English (min C1 level) is a requirement for the position.

The School of Science and Technology will not charge fees for doctoral studies.

**Applications:** The application should include

1. Application form providing your personal details and the proposed subject of the doctoral thesis.
2. Full research proposal giving the motivation, the objectives and the expected outcomes for the PhD research.
3. A motivation letter with your research interests and the reasons for applying for this PhD position and experience (max. 2 pages). Please indicate also your earliest possible date for starting.
4. Copy of undergraduate and Master’s degrees, along with transcripts.
5. Full CV, including information on the candidate’s studies, research or professional activity, his/her scientific papers and interests.
6. Certification of English language (level C1).
7. Relevant publications (if any).
8. A copy of your MSc thesis (or a summary in case the thesis is ongoing).
9. Two reference letters.

Applications should be sent via email to: [infotech@ihu.edu.gr](mailto:infotech@ihu.edu.gr)

**Information:**

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**Starting:** 16 June 2025 or as otherwise agreed.

**Please submit your application no later than 30 May 2025.**