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## OPEN CALL – INVITATION OF EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR PHD CANDIDACIES for the academic year 2022-2023

The Department of Communication and Digital Media of the School of Social Sciences and Humanities of the University of Western Macedonia announces -under the decision no. 12/16-06-2021, Topic 5 of the Assembly of the Department- the following PhD candidacies and invites those interested to submit their proposals to the following academic fields, according to the following table:

<b>Num ber</b>	<b>Faculty Member</b>	<b>Academic/Research field</b>	<b>Number of vacancies</b>	<b>Language of the Thesis</b>
1	Domna Michail Professor	Migration and Refugee Studies	2	Greek/English
2	Georgios Lappas Professor	Social and Metaverse Computing	1	Greek/English
3	Georgios Lappas Professor	Digital Marketing	1	Greek/English
4	Georgios Lappas Professor	Digital Democracy	1	Greek/English
5	Georgios Lappas Professor	Block Chain and Digital Transformation	1	Greek/English
6	Georgios Lappas Professor	Web Intelligence	1	Greek/English
7	Amalia Triantafillidou Assistant Professor	Public Relations in politics	1	Greek/English
8	Amalia Triantafillidou Assistant Professor	Communication management of political scandals and crises	1	Greek/English
9	Michail Vrigkas Assistant Professor	Virtual and Augmented Reality	1	Greek/English
10	Michail Vrigkas Assistant Professor	Computer Vision	1	Greek/English
11	Maria Matsiola Assistant Professor	Journalism and New Media	2	Greek/English
12	Stamatis Poulakidakos Assistant Professor	Political Communication and civil society	1	Greek/English
13	Stamatis Poulakidakos Assistant Professor	Political communication of political actors and institutions	1	Greek/English

Candidacies with the necessary documentation (as listed below) must be submitted **from 4 July 2022 until 30 September 2022** according to the instructions provided later in this document.

The candidates should fill in the application form (found in the end of the current document), sign it and scan it to a single pdf file together with all the necessary documents (as listed below), except for the recommendation letters. Then, the single pdf file should be uploaded to the following link: <https://forms.gle/gQj9qhVWTayKeSLq6> , not later than 30 September 2022. For the upload process the candidate should already have or create a google account.

As for the two recommendation letters required, they can either be uploaded to the same link and in the same period (until 30 September 2022) by their authors (not the candidates) or sent from the authors either through e-mail or by post/courier to the Secretariat of the Department of Communication and Digital Media (address: Fourka, P.C. 52100 Kastoria, tel. +302467440020, email: sec-cdm@uowm.gr). Failure to submit recommendation letters will be considered a non-recommendation of the candidate.

Useful tip: Applications should be filled in and uploaded by the candidates only after their recommendation letters have been uploaded/sent/e-mailed by their respective authors.

A combination of the following criteria for graduates with a postgraduate diploma are considered for an application for PhD candidacy in the Department of Communication and Digital Media:

1. Greek University or Technical Educational Institution (T.E.I.) graduates.
2. Graduates of a non-Greek University officially recognized by the Hellenic National Academic Recognition and Information Center (D.O.A.T.A.P.) (no action is required for this by the applicant. The process of confirming the recognition of non-Greek Universities by DOATAP will be conducted by the Secretariat of the Department of Communication and Digital Media).
3. Holder of Diploma of Postgraduate Studies (MA, MSc) from a Greek University.
4. Holders of Diploma of Postgraduate Studies (MA, MSc) from a non-Greek University officially recognized by the Hellenic National Academic Recognition and Information Center (D.O.A.T.A.P.) (no action is required for this by the applicant. The process of confirming the recognition of non-Greek Universities by DOATAP will be conducted by the Secretariat of the Department of Communication and Digital Media).

### **Required Documentation**

- a. A detailed CV.
- b. Copy of degree and official transcript of records as well as, where applicable, certificate of D.O.A.T.A.P. equivalence (for degrees awarded by non-Greek institutions).
- c. Copy of postgraduate degree and official transcript of records.
- d. Copies of undergraduate and postgraduate theses (if available).
- e. At least two (2) letters of recommendation preferably from faculty members in envelopes sealed by their authors (when in print), or sent via e-mail, or uploaded to the following google link (<https://forms.gle/pLTyKjXF1mphNWkn7>).
- f. Proof of sufficient knowledge of the English language.
- g. Copies of scientific publications and certificates of participation in research programs, relevant experience, etc. (if any).
- h. Any other document/proof that contributes to a more complete evaluation of the candidates (e.g. evidence of research activity, distinctions, evidence of professional experience, copies of assignments prepared in undergraduate or postgraduate programs, etc.).
- i. Draft PhD Dissertation Research Proposal as described below.
- j. Photocopy of Police ID/Passport.

All the above should be completed when submitting the application, with the exception of the copy of the master's degree, only if detailed grades and a certificate of completion of studies are submitted.

The Draft PhD Dissertation Research Proposal, should include the following:

- a. Indicative title in Greek and English, scientific areas of interest and two (2) to five (5) Keywords.
- b. Brief description of the topic.
- c. Literature Review and State of Art.
- d. Contribution and originality of the proposed thesis ("Contribution to Science").
- e. Basic purpose, objectives, and research proposals of the doctoral thesis ("Research Propositions").
- f. Research Methodology.
- g. Relevance of the proposed topic to the subject and the overall academic research/writing/teaching of the Supervisor ("Relevance").
- h. Estimation of the expected duration of the main individual phases/stages of the doctoral thesis, such as e.g., literature review, collection, and processing of research material (a Gantt Chart should be included as well).
- i. Reference list, which will appear in the proposal ("References").

### **Selection process of PhD candidates**

The Assembly of the Department, after considering the applications that have been submitted, categorizes them based on the relevance of the research object and appoints a three-member committee per category of applications, consisting of Faculty members of the Department. The committees examine all the documents submitted with the application and invite the candidates to an interview. Subsequently, the committees compile a detailed report, in which the reasons why each candidate should or should not be accepted are presented, and they submit it to the Department's Assembly. If the candidate does not propose a supervisor in his/her application, a supervisor is proposed by the committee and submitted for approval by the Department's Assembly. The Department's Assembly considers the committee's report together with the opinion expressed by the proposed supervisor and issues a resonated approval or rejection of the candidate's application. The language in which the doctoral thesis will be written is included in the approval. In the same decision, the Assembly may determine as a condition for the preparation of the candidate's Doctoral Dissertation, the successful attendance of a course or other obligations related to scientific research. A change in the title, or further specialization of the title of the thesis, or a change in the language of the thesis' can be made only after a resonated proposal of the Three-Member Advisory Committee and subsequent approval by the Department Assembly.

The Assembly of the Department assigns to the proposed supervisor the supervision of the doctoral thesis and appoints a three-member advisory committee, with the responsibility to support its preparation and writing.

Following the appointment of the Three-member Advisory Committee by the Department's Assembly, the Department's Secretariat proceeds to post in Greek and English on the Department's website the names of the doctoral candidates, supervisors and members of the Three-member Advisory Committee, the title and a brief summary of the undergoing doctoral thesis.

The rights and obligations of the PhD candidate, the clauses, the deliverables, and the period for the completion of a PhD thesis are explicitly mentioned in the Doctoral Studies Regulation of the Department, which is posted in the central website of the Department and which the candidate must take into consideration before submitting the application. Alternatively, the candidate can discuss the rights and obligations of the PhD candidacy with the faculty member (s)he is interested in collaborating with.

For further information, those interested can contact the Secretariat of the Department of Communication and Digital Media at phone number 2467440020-21, or at the email address sec-cdm@uowm.gr.

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**PhD Candidate Application  
for the academic year 2022-2023**

**Personal data:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Surname: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's full name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's full name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

ID/passport number: \_\_\_\_\_

Issue date and institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Residence- Street: \_\_\_\_\_ Street number: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. number (home): \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Studies:**

Educational Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree/Diploma: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade/Mark: \_\_\_\_\_

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Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree/Diploma: \_\_\_\_\_

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Degree/Diploma: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade/Mark: \_\_\_\_\_

Distinctions – Scholarships:

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Foreign languages

Knowledge level of English language: \_\_\_\_\_

Diploma: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of acquisition: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade/Mark: \_\_\_\_\_

Language and level of knowledge: \_\_\_\_\_

Diploma: \_\_\_\_\_

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Diploma: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of acquisition: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade/Mark: \_\_\_\_\_

**Professional Experience (if any):**

Employment Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Period: \_\_\_\_\_

Employment Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Period: \_\_\_\_\_

Employment Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Period: \_\_\_\_\_

**Scientific field of the Doctoral Dissertation according to the open call:**

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**Proposed title of the PhD dissertation in Greek and English:**

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**Language of the PhD dissertation:**

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**Proposed Supervisor:**

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**Recommendation Letters:**

Full name: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Documentation attached to the application:**

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- e. At least two (2) letters of recommendation preferably from faculty members.
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- g. Copies of scientific publications and certificates of participation in research programs, relevant experience, etc. (if any).
- h. Any other document/proof that contributes to a more complete evaluation of the candidates (e.g., evidence of research activity, distinctions, evidence of professional experience, copies of assignments prepared in undergraduate or postgraduate programs, etc.).
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**By submitting this application, I hereby declare that I have received full knowledge of the Doctoral Studies Regulation of the Department of Communication and Digital Media).**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**The Applicant (full name, signature)**

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