



FOUNDATION OF THE HELLENIC WORLD

Call for the expression of interest by students

Summer school 15-29 July 2012

Plato's Academy: a gateway for applied philosophy in the sciences

The Foundation for Hellenic World (FHW <http://fhw.gr>) in collaboration with the University of Athens and the Onassis Cultural Center is launching a project entitled «Plato's Academy:- the development of Knowledge and innovative ideas».

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 plans to organize and run 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 this research supplies feedback for, and occasionally overturns, these same principles. The number of students who will participate each year will be twenty. They will be selected by a special academic committee following a thorough assessment of the submitted applications.

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 school programme. The students will have to cover the transportation cost from their place of residence to Athens and back.

The Summer School will last 15 days and will run for three consecutive years, starting in 2012. This Call is addressed to candidates for the 2012 programme and applications received will be considered for this year. The venue will be the facilities of FHW in Athens, specifically the Hellenic Cosmos (www.hellenic-cosmos.gr/). The opening date for the current year is Monday, July 16th and the closing date is Sunday, July 29th.

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 Law, Philosophy of Language and Communication, Ethics, Logic, Philosophy of Mathematics, Philosophy of Science, Philosophy in/of Art, Digital Technology and Artificial Intelligence, Philosophy of Mind* etc.

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

The application form will be published till 31st March 2012.

Deadline for the applications: 30th May 2012

Selection process to be completed: 5th June 2012.

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 30th th, to our contact email: summerschool@fhw.gr.

Please do not forget to include the reference code: plato2012 in any communication.

