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The State Scholarships Foundation (IKY), since its establishment in 1951, is the National Scholarship Authority and is one of the longest-standing institutions within the Greek public administration. With many years of experience and a continuous presence in the field of education and research, IKY plans and implements scholarship programs that reward excellence among students, scientists, and researchers, thus substantially contributing to the development of the country's scientific potential.

The scholarship programs currently implemented are mainly part of the "Human Resources and Social Cohesion 2021-2027" Program, co-funded by Greece and the European Union (ESF+). At the same time, IKY offers scholarships through collaborations with universities and organizations in Greece and abroad, through bequests, as well as through programs that reward top graduates of Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) and students for their participation or distinction in international competitions. It is worth noting that in recent years IKY has developed and intends to expand significant collaborations, mainly with the private sector bodies, thus strengthening the link between academic education and the labor market. These partnerships aim at providing specialization in cutting-edge and innovative fields, meeting the modern needs of collaborating institutions, and substantially contributing to the professional prospects of its scholarship holders.

Since 1987, IKY has served as the National Agency for the Erasmus+ program in the fields of education and

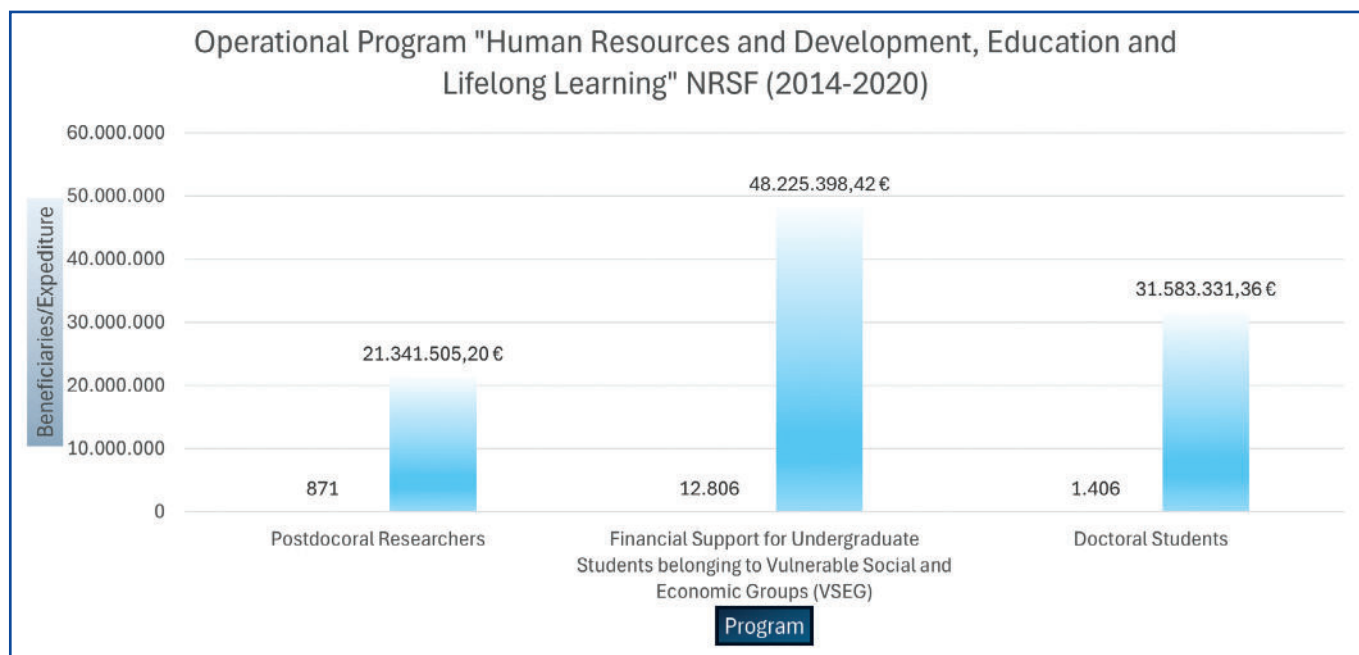
training. For the current program period (2021-2027), it is committed to ensuring the efficient and effective management of the Erasmus+ Program in the fields of Education and Training and held responsible for the Electronic Platform for Adult Learning in Europe (EPALE). Since June 1993, IKY has been a founding member of the Academic Cooperation Association (ACA), an important European institution that promotes the internationalization of Higher Education and contributes to the exchange and dissemination of best practices.

As the managing authority of co-funded projects under the Public Investment Program (PIP), from 1994 to this day, IKY has awarded scholarships for postgraduate studies at master's level, doctoral degrees, and postdoctoral research in Greece, through co-funded programs, within the program periods (CSF I, II, III), NSRF (2007-2013), NSRF (2014-2020), and NSRF (2021-2027).

During the 2014-2020 program period, five projects were implemented, two of which for postdoctoral research and three for PhD candidates. The total net eligible public expenditure for postdoctoral research amounted to €21,341,505.20 and corresponded to 871 beneficiary postdoctoral researchers. The total net eligible public expenditure for doctoral research amounted to €31,583,331.36 and corresponded to 1,406 beneficiary PhD candidates.

Between 2016 and 2021, five cycles of scholarship programs entitled "Financial support program for diligent





students of vulnerable social groups (VSG)" were implemented. The purpose was to support and assist diligent undergraduate students with low income, so as to complete their studies on time. In total, more than 12,000 scholarships were awarded, supporting and ensuring equal participation in higher education of individuals belonging to vulnerable and other social groups (VSG).

These projects were co-funded by the Operational Program "Human Resources Development, Education and Lifelong Learning", NSRF 2014-2020.

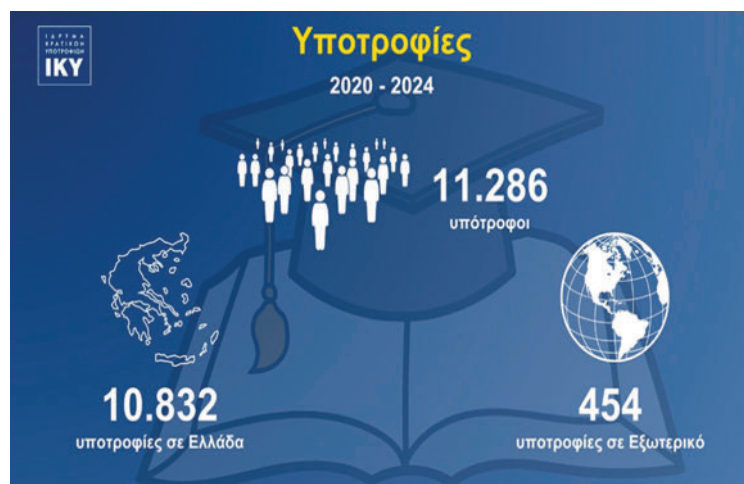
For the new programming period 2021-2027, under the "Human Resources and Social Cohesion" program co-funded by the European Social Fund (ESF+), IKY implements the following projects:

❖ Scholarship program for diligent students belonging to Vulnerable Social Groups (VSG) and for students from

families with three or more children / academic years 2021-2022, 2022-2023, and 2023-2024. The total budget of the project amounts to €38,940,000.00.

❖ Scholarship program for postgraduate programs (Master's) for doctoral research, and for supporting the internal mobility of PhD candidates, under which 350 scholarships will be awarded for master's level studies in Greece, 610 scholarships for the PhD studies in Greek HEIs, and 300 scholarships for the internal mobility of PhD candidates. The total budget of the project amounts to €33,282,000.00.

Through collaborations with reputable institutions such as British Council, EUI, French Institute, Fulbright Greece, from 2020 to this day 259 scholarships have already been awarded with a total funding of €3,444,227,62.



Scholarships awarded from projects co-funded by Greece and the European Union (ESF+) through the “Human Resources and Social Cohesion 2021-2027” program

Scholarship program for diligent undergraduate students belonging to Vulnerable Social Groups (VSG) and for students from families with three or more children

For the academic year 2021-2022, approximately 3,000 undergraduate scholarships were announced for diligent students studying at Greek HEIs who belong to Vulnerable Social Groups and families with three or more children. Within this project, two more programs will be implemented for the academic years 2022-2023 and 2023-2024, while by the end of the said period IKY aims to have implemented a total of five program cycles and benefited up to 15,000 students.

Scholarships for postgraduate studies (master's level) in Greece

Sub-project 1: “Scholarship program for participation in postgraduate study programs” which is part of the project “Scholarship program for participation in postgraduate study programs, for PhD studies and for supporting the internal mobility of PhD candidates” under the “Human Resources and Social Cohesion 2021-2027” program. 350 scholarships will be awarded for postgraduate studies at Greek HEIs, tenable for up to eighteen (18) months, aiming at improving the quality of higher education and contributing to the implementation of the new National Strategy for higher education. These scholarships are intended to graduate from higher education with the international equivalent of a UK 2:1 honours degree as a minimum entry requirement, enrolled in postgraduate programs at Greek HEIs for the academic year 2025-2026.

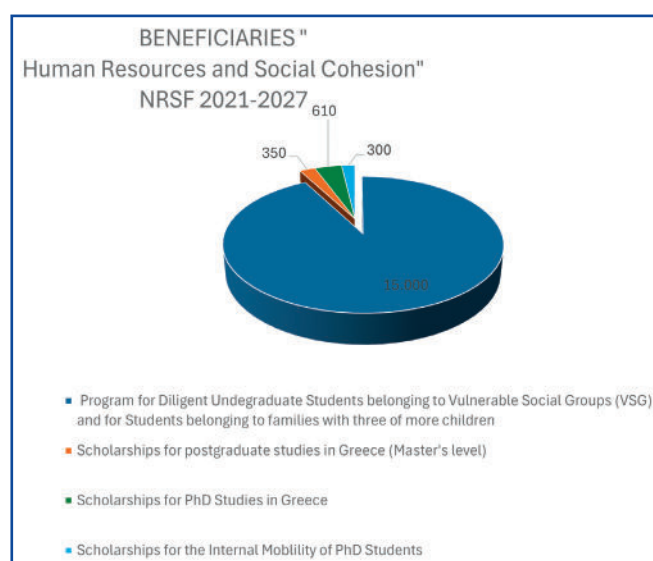
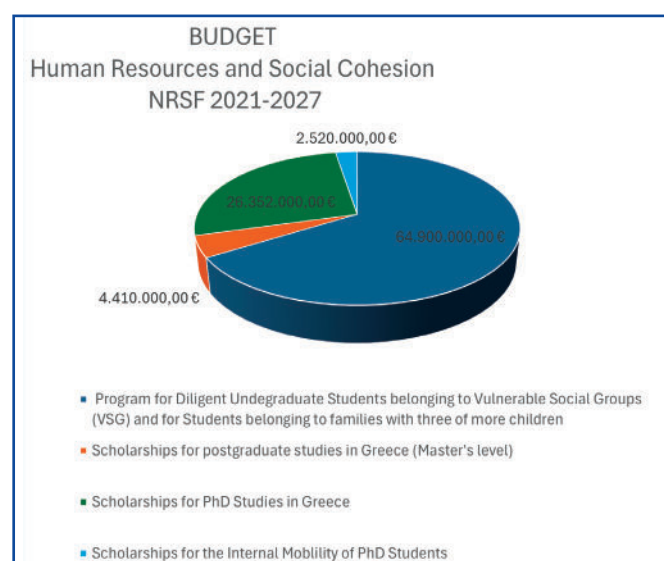
Scholarships for PhD studies in Greece

Sub-project 2: “Scholarship program for PhD studies” which is part of the project “Scholarship program for participation in postgraduate study programs, for PhD studies and for supporting the internal mobility of PhD

candidates” under the “Human Resources and Social Cohesion 2021-2027” program. 610 scholarships will be awarded for PhD studies at Greek HEIs, tenable for up to thirty-six (36) months, aiming at improving the quality of higher education and contributing to the implementation of the new National Strategy for Higher Education. Scholarships are intended for PhD candidates at Greek HEIs whose three-member advisory committee was appointed between 02/01/2021 and 31/12/2024.

Scholarships for the internal mobility of PhD candidates

Sub-project 3: “Scholarship program for supporting the internal mobility of PhD candidates” which is part of the project “Scholarship program for participation in postgraduate study programs, for the PhD studies and for supporting the internal mobility of PhD candidates” under the “Human Resources and Social Cohesion 2021-2027” program. 300 scholarships will be awarded tenable for up to six (6) months, for the internal mobility of PhD candidates at Greek HEIs, aiming to strengthen the research output of PhD candidates, to enhance cooperation among Greek universities, and to overall improve of the quality of higher education. Scholarships are intended for PhD candidates at Greek HEIs.



Scholarships awarded in cooperation with international institutions and organizations

European University Institute of Florence (EUI) Scholarship Program

Since 1986 IKY, In collaboration with the European University Institute of Florence (EUI), has been awarding scholarships for doctoral research to Greek PhD candidates for a duration of up to 36 months, in the fields of History and Civilization, Social and Political Sciences, Law, and Economics. In addition, it awards scholarships to Greek postdoctoral researchers under the “Hellenic Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs - Max Weber Scholarships” in the same fields.



IKYDA Program: Promotion of Exchanges and Scientific Cooperation between Greece and Germany



Since 2000, IKY and the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) have implemented a cooperation program between universities and research institutions in Greece and Germany, represented by groups of scientists or researchers from all scientific fields, led by a scientific coordinator in each country, in order to develop and complete a joint research project through mutual visits. Funding for the approved research projects to date has been provided jointly by both organizations.

HUBERT CURIEN French-Hellenic Scientific Cooperation Program. Partenariat Hubert Curien (PHC)

The collaboration involves teams from all scientific fields, each led by a scientific coordinator per team and per country, who jointly develop and implement a research project through mutual visits/mobilities. Projects have a duration of two years.



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Granting scholarships in collaboration with Foundations and organizations based in Greece

Greek-French Cooperation Scholarship Program for Master's studies in France

In collaboration with the Educational Cooperation Service of the French Embassy and the French Institute of Greece, IKY is implementing, since the academic year 2021-2022 and up to now, a jointly funding scheme offering 122 scholarships for the completion of a Master's level 2 (Master2 degree) in France in all scientific fields. For the next three academic years, 2025-2026, 2026-2027, and 2027-2028, 22 Master2 scholarships will be announced each year, for studies at French Universities.

Greek-British Cooperation Short-Term Scholarship Mobility Program



From 2021 to the present, IKY and the British Council, with the support of the British Embassy and funded exclusively by the British government, have granted a total of 78 short-term scholarships (4 weeks) to Greek postgraduate and doctoral students enrolled at Greek universities to benefit from learning and research placement at a British higher education institution, across all scientific fields, in the UK. Due to its successful implementation, the program will continue in the coming academic years.

IKY-Fulbright Greece Scholarship Program for Doctoral Students

This program supports and enhances the mobility of doctoral students between Greece and the U.S.A. through a collaboration between the State Scholarships Foundation (IKY) and the Fulbright Foundation of Greece. Financial support is solely provided by IKY based on a signed memorandum of cooperation. Specifically, the program provides:

- ❖ Five six-month scholarships to Greek doctoral students enrolled at Greek universities to conduct research at universities and research centers in the U.S.A. The program started in the 2023-2024 academic year and is ongoing.
- ❖ Four six-month scholarships to American doctoral students at U.S. universities to conduct research at Greek higher education institutions and/or research centers/organizations. The program began in the 2024-2025 academic year and is ongoing.



IKY-EYDAP Scholarship Program for Doctoral Students



This program provides two four-year scholarships funded by EYDAP for doctoral students at Greek universities. The implementation of the program began in the 2022-2023 academic year.

The offer for the two scholarships covers the following scientific fields:

Natural Sciences, Engineering and Technology, Medical and Health Sciences, and Economic and Legal Sciences, focusing on the following subject areas:

1. Provision of water supply and sewage services.
2. Design, construction, installation, operation, exploitation, management, maintenance, expansion, and renewal of water and sewage systems.
3. Pumping, desalination, treatment, storage, transport, and distribution of all types of water.
4. Projects and processes for the collection, transport, storage, treatment, as well as management and disposal of wastewater treatment byproducts.

Selection of scholarship recipients who initially meet the requirements set out in the call is made through an evaluation process.

Scholarships from Bequests and Donations

Within the framework of the endowments managed by IKY, scholarships are awarded for studies in Greece and abroad. More specifically:

- From the “Klearchos Tsouridis” endowment, scholarships are awarded to underprivileged undergraduate students who excelled in entrance exams to Greek higher education, originating from Komotini and the wider Rhodope prefecture.
- From the “Alexandros Chatzopoulos” endowment, scholarships are awarded, by selection, to undergraduate students at Greek HEIs based on financial need and preferably with origin from Istanbul.
- From the “Dionysios Angelopoulos” endowment, scholarships are awarded, by selection, for undergraduate studies in Greece to students who excelled in entrance exams, who are high school graduates coming from the Municipality of Pyrgos in the Prefecture of Ilia.
- From the “Leonidas Nikolaidis” endowment, scholarships are awarded, by selection, to distinguished medical school graduates to undertake postgraduate studies (Master’s), doctoral dissertation or clinical research abroad in the field of Medicine.
- From the “In Memory of Maria Zaousi” endowment, scholarships are granted for postgraduate studies and the completion of doctoral research entirely abroad in the field of Psychiatry.
- From the “Fani Sarigianni” endowment, scholarships are granted through a competitive process for studies abroad in the field of Phytopathology.
- From the “Theodorideion Educational Endowment”, scholarships are granted through a competition to graduates of Greek higher education who are eligible to work as teachers in Primary or Secondary Education, or to active teachers of Primary or Secondary Education, for Master’s level studies at higher education institutions in EU countries, in the field of Educational Sciences.
- From the “Nikolaos D. Chrysovergis” endowment, scholarships are granted, by selection, for the completion of a doctoral dissertation in Greece or abroad in areas stipulated by the IKY Board of Directors (e.g., for the academic year 2025-2026: Physiology, Climate Change-Atmospheric Physics, Technology-Energy, Technological Applications of Artificial Intelligence, Social Impact of Artificial Intelligence, History, Archaeology, Philosophy, Philology).

IKY Prizes / Aids / Rewards Programs

Excellence Award Program for Top Graduates of Higher Education

This program rewards top graduates from all departments of higher education in Greece with a one-off cash prize of one thousand euros (€1,000.00) and an honorary title. The program was initiated in the 2019-2020 academic year and is ongoing.

Support and Reward Program for the Participation of Greek University Students in International Competitions

This program supports Greek University teams to participate in international student competitions abroad with the aim to reward the best team or individual in their scientific discipline. Members of student teams who participate and excel in international competitions also receive a financial reward of €500 per student. The program began in 2021 and is ongoing.

IKY Scholarship Program for Developing Partnerships with Educational Institutions or Organizations of Greek Culture Abroad

This program aims to develop partnerships on issues on Greek language, culture, literature, and the arts between Greek higher education institutions and educational institutions or Greek cultural organizations abroad. Collaboration is initiated by invitation from the partner institution. Faculty members shall receive financial support to travel abroad and help establish these collaborations. The program began in 2022 and is ongoing.

Award Program for Excellence for Students Admitted to Greek HEIs in the Academic Year 2024–2025, Who Achieved the Highest Scores in the 2024 Panhellenic Examinations

The program was implemented for the first time in 2024, and through it, 460 monetary awards of €1,000 each were granted to students who had enrolled with the highest scores from the 2024 Panhellenic Examinations in Higher Education Schools/Departments. In addition, the top five admitted students in each Department/School received an honorary scroll and free airline tickets from AEGEAN Airlines.

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