

To whom it may concern

My name is Vasileios Mitrousias, I am a graduate medical student at University of Thessaly and simultaneously I am serving as a resident at General Hospital of Larissa. With this letter, I would like to express my strong interest for participation in the 4th Summer School in Medical & Biosciences Research & Management.

Regarding my background, I am a first year Ph.D. student, under the supervision of Professor Aristidis Zibis, at the Department of Anatomy, in Larissa's Medical School. I graduated in July 2014 and I got accepted in the Ph.D. program without holding a master's degree. My dissertation concerns medical education and more specifically, our research goal is to compare and evaluate the existing anatomy teaching methods. Since October I am also serving as a resident general surgeon at General Hospital of Larissa, accomplishing the first part of my training as an orthopaedic surgeon. Regarding my future plans, I see myself working as an orthopaedic surgeon with a special interest in musculoskeletal oncology. I also love the idea of teaching, so I would be delighted to return to the university as a lecturer after the completion of my Ph.D. Based on the above, it is clear that the training theme is of a special relevance to my professional goals and career objectives, and therefore I would highly appreciate to be given an opportunity to attend this summer school.

Additionally, I would like to mention that I have thoroughly read the summer school program and I truly believe that it is very interesting and really useful both for students and physicians. The lectures about the preparation of a CV, the presentation's skills and the mock interviews are of great interest for participants like me, looking for training and fellowship positions and they will certainly be a great help in our future applications. Likewise, all lectures about clinical research are really intriguing too, especially for a first year resident intending to participate in the forthcoming research attempts of his hospital. And regarding the rest of the program, I really can't choose which part to mention, since all lectures seem absorbing and they would be valuable to me in several ways.

Finally, I have to say that I also think of this summer school as an excellent opportunity to meet international scholars, spend quality time with them and get to know their habits, attitudes, and lifestyle. Certainly, it will be an experience which would broaden my horizons and enable me to build a strong social network with people through our continent.

Summarizing, I want to point out, once again, that I am a self-motivated, determined individual and I look forward to the social and academic challenges of university. Thus, it would be not only a great pleasure but also a true honor for me to be part of this summer school. I would like to thank you in advance and I look forward to your reply, hoping to see my name in the accepted applications.

Yours faithfully