

## Statement of purpose

*I am writing to express my keen interest in applying for the 4th WHBA summer school on Medical & Biosciences Research & Management that will take place in Greece (Neo Itilo, Lakonia) on May 16-24, 2015. I am a postgraduate student at University of Crete, in the graduate program "The Molecular Basis of Human Disease".*

*My great interest on Molecular, Cellular and Genetic base of human diseases, contributed on my decision to dedicate my future studies on this field. Up to date, I have gained practical work experience in various laboratories, along with some further theoretical knowledge via attending various scientific conferences.*

*As far as the dissertation thesis is concerned, I had the opportunity to apply academic knowledge in a demanding research environment, in the discipline of Human Genetics and Genomics. Moreover, I presented a poster of my bachelor thesis at the 35th Annual Conference of the Hellenic Society for Biological Sciences in Nafplio, where I was also an active participant member on May 2013.*

*I grasped the opportunity to implement ideas and develop my passion for cancer research further while I was undertaking my internship. During this project I practiced in cellular analysis techniques on biological samples. As a result, this experience enhanced my scientific comprehension on the fields of Clinical Immunology and Proteomics.*

*My passion for science grows beyond my laboratory experience and my research studies, as I consider myself as a restless individual who is always striving to follow the enormous progress of biomedical sciences. My attendance in conferences and my interaction with fellow colleagues managed to instill in me a keen curiosity and a thinking ability towards the scientific phenomena.*

*Being highly intrigued by the crescent research on immunology and cancer, the Summer School on Medical & Biosciences Research & Management, really attracts me. The courses are a challenge, containing a rigid academic structure which will hopefully enable me to enhance my skills and knowledge in the fields of my interest. For these reasons I believe that the Program will satisfy all of my expectations.*

*My particular interest on the Summer School is also attributed to the excellent teaching and research reputation that it holds. It's international ambience together with the cooperation opportunities it provides with external researchers all around the world are all assets for which I am highly excited and keen to benefit from. Since, I am interested in the applied research on cancer and the development of novel*

*therapeutic agents I believe that the knowledge that I will gain will be crucial for my future steps.*

*It will be an honor to be admitted in the Program. I hope that my profile will be viewed favorably and therefore I will be given the opportunity to be informed by experts on the most advanced medical and biosciences research areas. I strongly believe that my eagerness to further educate myself makes me a highly suitable candidate for this Summer School .*

*Thank you for considering my application.*

*Yours faithfully,*

*Nikolaos – Taxiarchis Skenteris*

*Post-graduate student*