

Dear review committee,

My curious nature is the reason I have always felt passionate about biology. During my studies at the department of Molecular Biology and Genetics of Democritus University, I was introduced to a wide variety of subjects that were all very exciting for me. Learning about the advances of the past few years in biology and their benefits on human health, inspired me to pursue a career in biomedical research. The master's program "Basic Medical Sciences" of the University of Patras was the first step in my pursuit. It has helped me to improve my academic background and allowed me to apply my learning in an experimental context. I am currently completing my master's thesis and exploring my options as a young scientist. I was informed about the 4<sup>th</sup> WHBA Summer School by a colleague and was immediately impressed by the topics covered in the program. This Summer School is a unique opportunity not only to extend my knowledge but also to develop valuable skills. I am also looking forward to meeting highly qualified researchers from variable fields. Their experience and advice will be very helpful for my career-related decisions in the near future. Thank you for considering my application.

Best regards,

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