

2013 Young Researcher's Award

The call for nominations for the University's first Young Researcher's Award attracted 24 high caliber candidates, graduate students from across the University's disciplines. After lengthy deliberation the evaluation committee, comprising the [Deputy Rector for Academic Affairs](#) and the external members of the [University Council](#), announced on 15 July that the 2013 Young Researcher's prize has been awarded jointly to Ioannis Iatrakis and Nikolaos Kyriazis.

[Ioannis Iatrakis](#) is a PhD student in the University's Department of Physics, Division of Theoretical High Energy Physics. An [Hrakilos Scholar](#), his research is focused on quantum chromodynamics (QCD) and has contributed to holographic QCD spectrum analysis and the calculation of a significant transfer coefficient studied in the experiments of RHIC, Brookhaven, and LHC CERN. This work has been published in widely cited articles in Physical Letters, [Journal of High Energy Physics](#), and [Physical Review D](#)

[Nikolaos Kyriazis](#) is a PhD student in the University's Computer Science Department and also a member of the Computer Vision and Robotics Laboratory (CVRL) of the Institute of Computer Science ([ICS](#)) at the Foundation for Research and Technology-Hellas (FORTH). Nikolaos' research is on computational methods for observing and understanding the interaction of human and robotic systems with objects of their environment. His work has made a valuable contribution particularly to the field of machine recognition of hand-object signals. Nikolaos' research has been presented in high profile [conference forums](#) and has also won first prize in the international ChaLearn '[Gesture Recognition Challenge, 2012](#)'