

2016 Young Researcher's Award

The annual call for nominations for the University's Young Researcher's Award resulted in 15 high-calibre candidatures from the Schools of Science & Technology (10), Medicine (3), and Social Sciences (2).

The evaluation committee, Chaired by the President of the University Council, announced on 25 July 2017 that the 2016 Prize has been awarded jointly to two young researchers in Astrophysics: Dr. Ioannis Liodakis and Dr. Virginia Panopoulou. Both completed their doctoral studies in 3 years and were awarded their PhDs by the Physics Department in April 2017.



Ioannis (Yannis) Liodakis was awarded his PhD for his thesis titled 'Unveiling the physics of the most active of galaxies: connecting blazar theory and observations'. This research on blazar astrophysics, conducted under the supervision of Asst. Prof. Vassiliki Pavlidou, has been honored by the Hellenic Astronomical Society with its 2017 Best Thesis award. Dr Liodakis has authored sixteen papers, of which he is first author of eight, including novel work on correlation between black hole masses and observables verified in beamed sources. Dr Liodakis will continue his research career in the USA as an Institute Fellow at Stanford University's Kavli Institute of Particle Physics and Cosmology.

Georgia-Virginia (Gina) Panopoulou was awarded her PhD for her thesis titled 'Structure and Evolution of Magnetic Molecular Clouds, Observational Consequences and Tests.' As part of her research in the field of Interstellar Medium Astrophysics, conducted under the supervision of Asst. Prof. Kostas Tassis, Dr Panopoulou authored fourteen papers, four of which as a first author. She was one of the six excellent young researchers that represented Greece at the 65th Linadu Nobel Laureate Meeting in 2015. She continues her research career in the USA as a postdoctoral scholar at the California Institute of Technology (Caltech).

