

Strategic Plan for the Faculty of Medicine, University of Ioannina

The Faculty of Medicine of the University of Ioannina was founded in 1977.

Our stated objective over time has always been the promotion of innovation, the advancement of knowledge through research and the development of our students' comprehensive knowledge with critical understanding, synthetic thinking and specific skills, in an effort to equip them adequately for their future scientific/professional career and social recognition. Most notably, all the above is practised in accordance with the required scientific ethical standards in a high quality academic environment.

Our Faculty's Members of Academic Staff, with a proven scientific expertise, deliver excellent teaching programmes and education as a whole, both at an undergraduate and a postgraduate level, and are well-known for their internationally recognised research activity, delivering high standard healthcare services. Additionally, the infrastructure of the University Campus, lying in the vicinity of the Ioannina University Hospital, the largest in north-western Greece, ensures our students' excellent scientific training, so that they gradually mature into doctors who understand the pathogenesis, onset and appropriate therapeutic interventions of diseases. In doing so, our future doctors are qualified not only to follow the international research developments with regard to medical care but, most importantly, to make a significant contribution to their advancement.

All the aforementioned is proven by the fact that our Faculty of Medicine has numerous international collaborations with recognised institutions in Europe, the U.S.A. and Asia and participates actively in a multitude of research programmes and clinical studies. Overall, our outstanding performance is evidenced by our graduates' remarkable career in the Hellenic as well as in the international scientific fields.

Our strategic objectives for the next 5 years set out a framework of priorities including primarily the fields of education, research, clinical practice and inter-connection of our Faculty with the society.

Education

- Continuous improvement of our programme of studies in line with the current trends in medical education, with a special emphasis on the integration of humanities curricula, interactive learning tools and promotion of excellence with the introduction of student awards
- Implementation of a quality policy with continuous assessment of the programmes of study (undergraduate, postgraduate) and with student feedback received via anonymous questionnaires evaluating both the courses and the university instructors
- e-books
- Update of the Regulation of Studies in accordance with the latest developments in medical education

- Recruitment of scientists with valuable teaching and research activity, and development of specific areas

Infrastructure

- Maintenance of the Faculty's buildings and development of new infrastructures, improvement of classroom facilities with respect to audio visual equipment and safety measures
- Construction of a lecture hall and a new building for clinical specialties
- Renewal of existing research and educational lab equipment
- Integration of disabled friendly infrastructure and assurance of easier accessibility to all spaces
- Construction of a faculty cultural centre for all students and staff
- Supplement the Simulation Laboratory with new teaching resources
- Improvement of the surrounding area with ornamental plants and a botanic garden with pharmaceutical plants
- Promotion of the Museum of History of Medicine
- Archive digitization

Openness/Partnerships

- Cooperation at an educational and research level with the new Departments of the School of Health Sciences (Department of Speech and Language Therapy, Department of Nursing), strengthening at the same time our existing collaboration with the Department of Biological Applications and Technologies
- Attraction of Greek scientists working abroad
- Enhancement of openness and international presence via student and academic staff mobility
- Signing collaboration agreements (Memorandums of Understanding) with national and international universities and research centres
- Collaboration with international scientific associations to promote educational exchanges of students and staff

Research

- Promotion of research innovation by reinforcing collaboration with foreign institutions on cutting edge topics
- Enhancement of post-graduate, doctoral and post-doctoral programmes of study
- Securing funding for research from charitable bodies as well as from national and European research programmes

- Drafting an updated Regulation of Doctoral Studies
- Reinforcement of post-doctoral research
- Focus on the development of particular research fields

Alumni

- Establishment of the Faculty of Medicine Alumni-University of Ioannina
- Communication and close collaboration with alumni, inviting them in conferences, symposia and, generally, encouraging a strong bond with the Faculty of Medicine

Interconnection with the society

- 'Public benefit purpose' events organised by the Faculty, e.g. free health assessment Day, inform the public about significant medical issues by holding public events, radio and TV broadcast
- Promotion of the Faculty of Medicine as the most significant Health Centre in the Northwestern District of Greece with optimum healthcare service provision at the University General Hospital of Ioannina.