

Press Release

Research Grants awarded to the National Hellenic Research Foundation for the implementation of two research projects in the Aegean

Institute of Historical Research

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The National Hellenic Research Foundation (NHRF) announces the receipt of two grants for two significant research projects of the Institute of Historical Research, funded by the General Secretariat of the Aegean and Island Policy for 2026.

1. Underwater Archaeological Research in Kasos and Karpathos

📍 Location: Karpathos

💰 Grant: €8,000

In 2026, the underwater research focuses on the identification, study, and documentation of submerged cultural heritage in the marine area of Karpathos, in collaboration with the Ephorate of Underwater Antiquities. The project aims to apply innovative methods for mapping ancient maritime routes and revealing new historical evidence. The scientific coordinator of the project is Nikolaos Papazarkadas, Director of IHR/NHRF, while the field research is directed by Xanthie Argiris, research associate at IHR/NHRF.

🌐 More information: <https://kasosproject.com/>

2. Defining Ancient Coastlines in Kimolos and Melos

📍 Location: Kimolos, Melos

💰 Grant: €8,000

In 2026, this geoarchaeological project focuses on the changes in the coastal landscape of Melos Island driven by sea-level rise and tectonic deformations. It aims at the coastal geomorphological evolution and palaeogeographic shoreline reconstruction of across three archaeologically important locations spanning a broad chronological range: the Bronze Age site of Phylakopi, the Archaic-Classical harbour-city at Klima, and the Roman harbour installations in Pollonia. The research, which is conducted under the permission of the Ephorate of Underwater Antiquities, seeks to identify historical coastscape transformations and harbour infrastructures that shaped navigation patterns in the Southern Cyclades. The scientific coordinator of the project is Nikolaos Papazarkadas,



Director of IHR/NHRF, while the field research is directed by Eleni Kolaiti, research associate at IHR/NHRF.

These projects are part of the broader effort to promote scientific research and cultural heritage in the Aegean islands.

The National Hellenic Research Foundation expresses its gratitude to the General Secretariat of the Aegean and Island Policy for its continuous support of research and the preservation of Aegean cultural heritage. These grants play a crucial role in safeguarding and scientifically showcasing the history of the Greek islands.

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