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Prof. Fotios Maris
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Democritus University of Thrace

Budapest, 12 February 2026

Dear Professor Maris,

I am pleased to inform you that Harvard Medical School and Semmelweis University, Budapest, Hungary, will be launching “Clinical Science Scholars program: Semmelweis University” (CSS) for the fourth time.

The innovative certificate program for clinical researchers provides advanced training in healthcare research and methods for young clinicians, PhD students, post-doctoral fellows, and residents who have previous scientific activity and are interested in developing skills related to clinical trials. As the importance of clinical research has increased in the recent years, partly as a result of the pandemic, our institution is determined to strengthen this field in the region by collaborating in the delivery of educational programs offered by highly renowned institutions.

In the light of the above, Semmelweis University decided to offer 5,500-USD scholarships for 70 carefully selected participants in the program. Based on the good relation between our institutions, we would be pleased to support the attendance of one professional from your institution, who you would nominate to participate in this rigorous program.

We trust that you will take this opportunity to be part of this overarching common mission, which would contribute not only to strengthening the partnership between our institutions, but also to generating, together, a real impact on our society’s well-being.

Please click [here](#) to explore the memorable moments of previous years’ programs and to watch [our](#) video.

Sincerely,

Prof. Béla Merkely
Rector of Semmelweis University