

In 2016, I started as an undergraduate student in the Department of Computer Science at Piraeus University in Greece, from which I graduated in 2020 with the highest degree of the class. During the last two years of my studies, I was working as a research fellow in the Systems Security Laboratory, conducting research on topics related to Blockchain technology and contributing to the writing of scientific papers. In 2021, I decided to continue my studies in Southampton University, because I saw that as an opportunity to improve my skills – knowledge and get in touch with people from different cultures. That would give me a competitive advantage for my career, as well as a good boost for becoming a well-rounded citizen.

At the beginning of my study period at University, I tried to network with people who had common interests so as to share thoughts, ideas and do things beyond those that the University requires. Besides, all these reasons as well as interaction with people of different cultures, beliefs, and needs, is the main reason which drove me to apply for this position. To this end, from 2017 until 2018 I was involved in the World Robotics Olympiad as a judge, where I was responsible for marking teams consisting of members with special considerations. In 2019, I took place in the biggest accessibility hackathon in Greece, where our team won the 3rd prize among 20 teams. Our successful collaboration and interaction with disabled people was the key feature for our achievement. In 2021, I started working as a PhD researcher in the Cybersecurity Research Group at Southampton University. From the first year of my studies, I was involved in various labs as a demonstrator. Among all students, I was also responsible for demonstrating labs in groups of students with special considerations, a fact that made me extremely happy as I realized that I successfully managed to help these students reach their goals. Furthermore, I have participated in the University exams as an invigilator for students with special considerations. I decided to get this role as I believe that it is hugely important to help these students in stressful situations such as exams, and make them feel familiar, so they can focus on their actual purpose.

Considering all the above, there can be no doubt that helping people with special considerations is a big part of my mindset. My aim is not only to offer my help to specific people, but also become a better citizen, and that's the reason I decided to apply for this role. Through these, I feel I will help students reach their goals in an easier way. I believe that all the experience and knowledge I have gained throughout these years is proof of my mindset for this kind of situations, making me an ideal choice for this position. I would be most happy to have the opportunity to live the experience of this role and offer as much as I can.