

## **Dimitris Kanellis receives a UNISTEP-PLUS grant**

Dimitris Kanellis, a graduate student in the Eliopoulos' lab has been awarded a grant from the Greek General Secretariat of Research & Technology, under the UNISTEP-PLUS call for junior researchers, to pursue work on miRNA circuits in inflammation and cancer.

miRNAs are small (18-25 nucleotide) RNA molecules that physiologically reside inside the cell and comprise a post-transcriptional regulatory mechanism by haltering mRNA translation. Dimitris will work towards the identification of miRNAs which influence gene expression upon inflammatory and oncogenic signals.

The proposal was selected among others and granted approximately €6500 for one year. It is an initiative welcomed not only by our laboratory but also by the graduate program [Molecular Basis of Human Disease](#) of the University of Crete Medical School of which Dimitris is a student.

