

# APPLY for PhD in Neuroscience at Yerevan State Medical University and **BECOME** a researcher in ADVANCE STEM Research grant program



The Foundation for Armenian Science and Technology (FAST), Apkarian Foundation (AF), and Yerevan State Medical University (YSMU) are inviting all interested and qualified candidates to apply for a fully-funded PhD program in Neuroscience. The two selected students will automatically enroll in **Neuroscience Research Project** within the ADVANCE STEM Research grant program. This unprecedented opportunity aims to enhance and accelerate neuroscience research in Armenia with the objective of training the next generation of internationally recognized, highly-impactful biomedical researchers.

The project will be led by the international Principal Investigator - **Prof. Apkar Vania Apkarian** and a local Principal Investigator - **Prof. Konstantin Yenkeyan**.

Prof. Sarkis Mazmanian will be an adviser in the project.



## What the program offers

- An opportunity to conduct cutting-edge scientific research using state of the art technology and tools provided by the YSMU “Brain Research Excellency Center”
- Direct research supervision and career advancement by Armenia-based and international scientists
- Fully-funded research supplies and materials, unique training and networking opportunities, stipends to present and attend local and international research conferences
- Travel and accommodations to the international PI’s lab abroad
- Competitive monthly stipend
- Additional incentives for excellence, such as publications in high impact factor journals

## Eligibility and Selection

Applications to the PhD program are invited from candidates who have completed a master's degree in Medicine, Biology, Biochemistry, Chemistry, Physiology or have a qualification of MD; and who plan to pursue a career in biomedical research as a neuroscientist. Applications will be evaluated on the basis of merit by the executive commiee which is comprised of Armenian and international scientists. Finalists will be invited for an interview with the executive commiee. Two will be selected to begin their PhD studies at YSMU as junior researchers in the Neuroscience Project of the ADVANCE grant.

## How to apply

To apply, interested candidates should submit an [online application](#) by **July 1, 2022** attaching to it the supporting documents listed below. Please note, that by the mentioned deadline, hard copies of suppoting documents **must be presented to the YSMU Science Divison**: Scientific Personnel Training Department.

- English language proficiency certificate (TOEFL IBT - 70, IELTS - 6.5).  
\*The certificate can be presented upon the admission to the program.
- Higher education diploma and its annexes
- List of publications
- Curriculum vitae or resume’
- Statement of Motivation
- Research proposal in the field of autism, Alzheimer’s disease
- 2 letters of recommendation

## Contact

Got a question? We are happy to help! Please get in touch with us:

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