



Call for Applications for the Graduate Program in Neuroscience of the School of Medicine of the University of Crete for the academic year 2012.

The School of Medicine of the University of Crete organizes and runs a Graduate Program in Neuroscience (GPN) according to YA B7/3537, 4558, 6918 ΦΕΚ (382/τ.Β/1.4.2003) and YA B7/2355 ΦΕΚ (637/τ.Β/6.4.2009).

The GPN focuses on Cellular/Molecular, Systems, Cognitive and Clinical Neurosciences and in the Development of the Nervous System.

The GPN leads to a Master's Degree in Neuroscience after a four semester cycle of study. The new academic year starts in the fall (October) of 2012.

Our graduate program aims to provide students with a strong training in neuroscience and prepare them for a career in neuroscience teaching and research. The GPN is a two year program consisting of courses and research laboratory rotations. In the first semester, students attend three obligatory courses, two core courses in molecular/cellular and systems neuroscience, as well as a course in methods used to study the nervous system. In the second and third semesters the students take elective courses and three two month laboratory rotations, while the fourth semester is dedicated to a research diploma thesis. During the two years of their studies students will participate in the series of seminars offered by the program, and the Department of Basic Science of the Faculty of Medicine, as well as special seminars on ethics, scientific writing, etc.

Applicants:

The GPN will accept applications from candidates who hold Bachelor's degrees from Higher Education Institutions in Greece or from abroad, from Faculties or Departments of Medicine, Biology, Pharmacy, Psychology, Veterinary, and Chemistry. Up to twenty graduate students will be selected.

The evaluation of the applicants will be conducted according to the following criteria/means:

- Transcript of Records and GPA
- Adequate knowledge of the English language for applicants whose first language is not English
- Recommendation Letters
- A curriculum vitae that includes a personal statement highlighting interest in Neuroscience
- Interview

The interviews will take place in the Faculty of Medicine, University of Crete in Heraklion for candidates who live in Greece, and via skype for candidates who live abroad.

Application requirements

1. Application
2. Copy of Diploma or Degree (notarized)
3. Transcript of Records (notarized)
4. Diploma/degree. Recognition of equivalence from the Greek NARIC (DOATAP) for students who have received their degree from a non-Greek University. This procedure takes about 6 months. The candidate can be evaluated without the diploma recognition, but this is essential for matriculation in October.
5. Proof of knowledge of English language for applicants whose first language is not English
6. Two recommendation letters
7. A curriculum vitae that includes a personal statement highlighting interest in Neuroscience
8. Application-solemn statement declaring that the candidate is not a matriculated student in another graduate program

All transcripts must be sent registered post by **15/06/2012**. The interviews will take place on **29/06/2012**.

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Scholarships and tuition

The GPN has no tuition fees. The Christina Spyraiki scholarship is given to the student with the highest GPA in the first and second year of studies. Students can also apply for scholarships offered by the Faculty of Medicine or other Institutions.