GRADUATE PROGRAM in NEUROSCIENCES

Call for Applications
ACADEMIC YEAR 2023-2024

The School of Medicine and the Departments of Biology and Psychology of the University of Crete, announce that applications for the **Graduate Program in "Neurosciences" (GPN)** for the academic year 2023 – 2024 are now open, based on the provisions of law 4957/2022 (FEK-[Hellenic Government Gazette] 141 issue A). The School of Medicine is responsible for the administration support of the Program.

Aim of the Graduate Program

The Program offers a comprehensive, state-of-the-art training on Cellular, Molecular, Developmental, Systems, Cognitive, Translational and Clinical Neurosciences. Students are provided with advanced theoretical knowledge and research training and are competently prepared for to follow careers in academia, research institutes, public bodies or the private sector internationally.
The Program aims to promote graduates with accredited studies in Medicine, Biology, Pharmacy, Psychology, Veterinary Medicine, and Chemistry as well as in any field related to Neuroscience.

Duration of Studies

The Program awards a Master's Degree (MSc) upon completion of a four-semester studies program (totally 120 ECTS).
During the first two semesters, students are required to complete five (5) mandatory courses and a number of elective courses. During the third semester, students are required to complete two (2) three-month laboratory rotations, and during the fourth semester, they are required to complete a research thesis (Master Diploma Thesis).
The program requires full-time, mandatory attendance. The official language of the Program is English. A maximum number of fifteen (15) graduate students will be admitted every 2 years. Furthermore, up to two (2) applicants who have received a scholarship for graduate students from Governments, Scholarship Foundations, International Bodies, etc. can be additionally admitted, should they meet the necessary requirements.

Application Documents for Submission
Applicants are required to first create a user account at https://postgrad.cict.uoc.gr and then upload the following documents:

1. Certified copy of BSc or MD degree(s)
If the BSc and/or the MD degree is from a higher education institution outside of Greece, recognition by the Hellenic National Academic Recognition Information Centre (DOATAP) is required.
According to Law 4957/2022, the initial contact with DOATAP after a candidate applies for postgraduate studies is made by the Program's Secretariat.

2. Course transcript
The university degrees and the respective transcripts shall be written either in Greek (provided that they are issued by a Greek authority) or officially translated in English and certified by a competent authority.

3. Proof of competence and fluency in English language of level B2 or higher (according to the Council of Europe)

4. Proof of professional and/or research activity (if available)

5. A Motivation Letter in which candidates should effectively describe the reasons and motives for attending the Program.

6. Curriculum Vitae (CV) of the candidate, written in English and including information on studies, academic/professional experience, scientific/social activities, list of publications and scientific work (if available)

7. Two (2) letters of recommendation

8. One recent passport-size photograph

For the scanned documents and files
Only **pdf** files can be uploaded
Maximum size of each file = 2MB
Total Maximum Size = 20 MB

For the Photo
Acceptable file format: .png, .jpeg
Maximum size = 2MB
Dimensions: 200px x 200px

For the Recommendation Letters

1. The Recommendation Letters can be submitted by the referees through the program's electronic applications platform. The indicated referees will automatically receive an invitation e-mail after the applicants' successful submission of his/her application. The applicant should clearly state in the application form:
a) the e-mail address of the academic institution for each referee
b) the status and complete contact details of the referee

The recommendation letters must be submitted until **9 June 2023.**

or

2. The Recommendation Letters can be sent by email, directly by the referees at: postgradsecr@med.uoc.gr with the subject: "Recommendation Letter for the applicant of the Graduate Programme in Neurosciences Mr./Mrs./Ms. .... " , **until 9 June 2023.**

Criteria for Admission

Applicants will be evaluated according to the following criteria (in a grading scale of 1 to 10, with 10 indicating highest ranking).

- Grade of Undergraduate Degree
- Grades of undergraduate courses with content related to the Program
- Grade of undergraduate degree thesis
- Research Activity
- Evaluation of the Recommendation Letters
- Proof of competence and fluency in English language of level B2 or higher (according to the Council of Europe)
- Interview

In the event of a tie, candidates are accepted as supernumeraries.

Tuition Fees

Tuition fees are set at € 1.000 (Euros) for the total duration of the Program and they are non-refundable.

Payment of fees will be made in two instalments:

Installments	Fees
1st Installment - Upon Registration (September - October 2023)	500€
2nd Installment (September 2024)	500€

Indicative Timeline

1. Deadline for applications: 9 June 2023

2. Interviews: 27 - 28 June 2023
Applicants will receive, on time, detailed information on the interviews schedule and logistics by the secretary of the Program.

3. Initial list of successful candidates and possible runners-up – Announcement: 30 June 2023

4. Deadline for appeals: 6 July 2023

5. Final list of successful applicants and possible runners-up: 10 July 2023

6. Registrations: September-October 2023

7. Courses start: October 2023

INFORMATION

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