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Iranian American Academics and Professionals (IAAP)

## **THE IAAP SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

### **THE 2020 CYCLE REPORT**

Dr. Hessam Yazdani, Chair

December 19, 2020

## ■ Objectives

- To recognize the **outstanding academic achievements** of students of Iranian descent attending universities in the DC area and the Eastern United States and their **excellent service** to the Iranian and Iranian-American Communities.
- To attract the financial support of the large Iranian community in the DC area for high-achieving Iranian students in the US.

## ■ Two types of scholarship

- The Dr. Farideh Toorany Memorial Scholarship, which recognizes medical students (a certificate and a monetary award of \$1000)
- Other IAAP Scholarships include a certificate and a monetary award of \$500

## □ Eligibility requirements

- Only students of Iranian descent who were enrolled full-time on the application due date at learning institutions within the states shown in red were eligible to apply.
- Following applications were not considered:
  - Postdoctoral Associates, MD fellows or MD residents,
  - From geographical regions outside the states above,
  - Previous recipients of IAAP scholarships in the same degree program,
  - Part-time students.



## ▣ IAAP financial transparency

- The scholarship funds are merely from the generous donation of individuals and small businesses in our community.
- Like previous years, a list of donors and a list of awardees for the 2020 cycle will be presented here and posted on the IAAP website at

[www.iaapdc.org](http://www.iaapdc.org)



## ■ Schedule

Scholarship announcement

September 26

Application deadline

November 6

Awards announcement

December 5

Awards ceremony

December 19

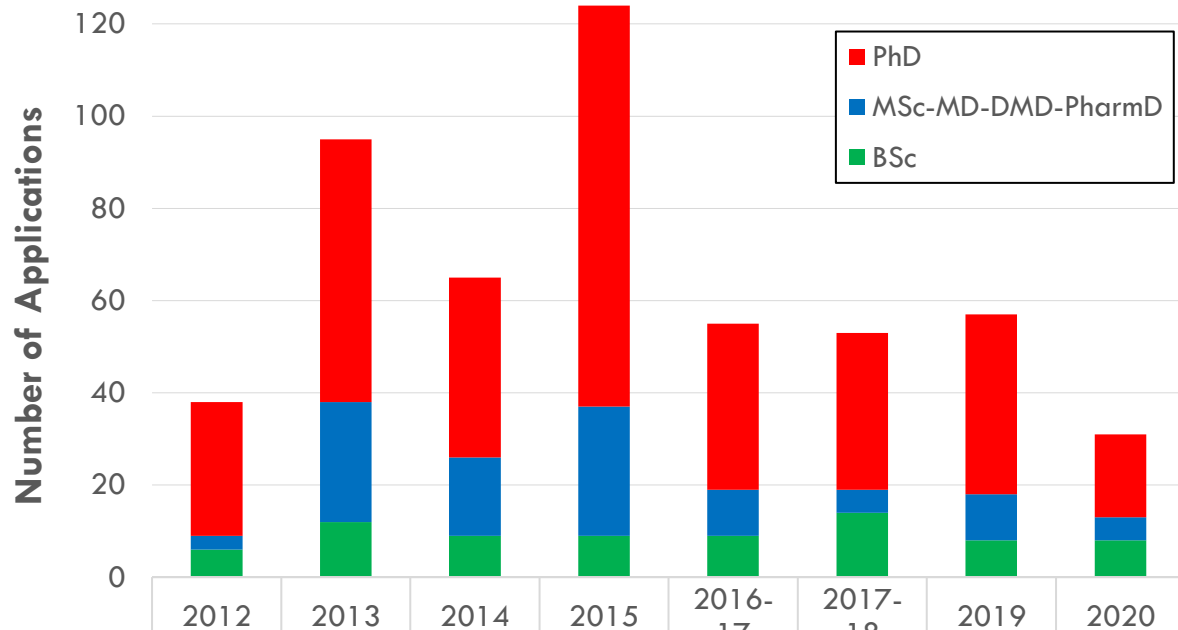
**Evaluation criteria**

- Academic excellence
  - GPA
  - Overall quality of program and school
  - Internship/work experience
  - Awards and honors
  - Publications (only for MSc, MD, and PhD)
  
- Service to the Iranian community
  - Social
  - Academic
  - General

**Scores Distribution**  
each third of the pie represents 100 points



## ▣ Applications statistics since 2012

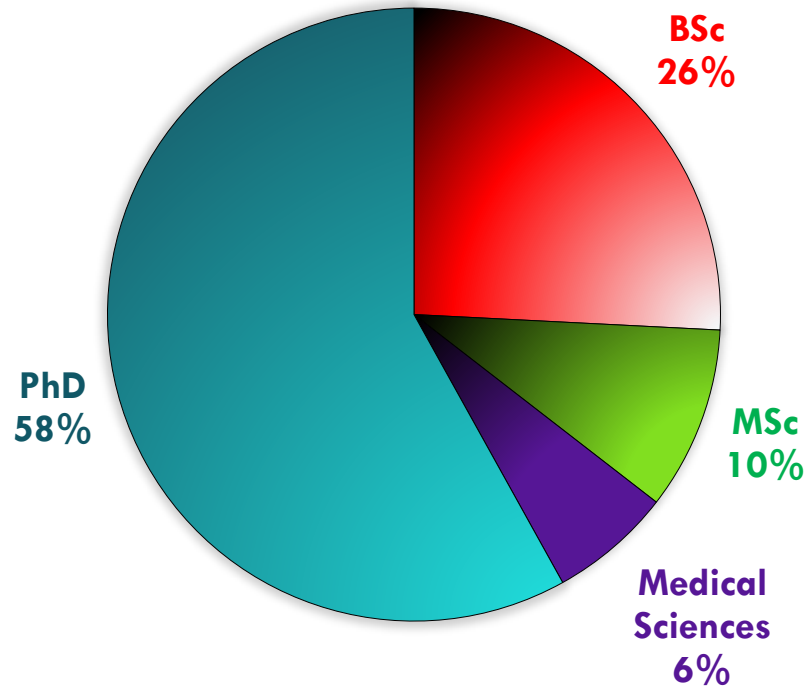


■ PhD	29	57	39	87	36	34	39	18
■ MSc-MD-DMD-PharmD	3	26	17	28	10	5	10	5
■ BSc	6	12	9	9	9	14	8	8



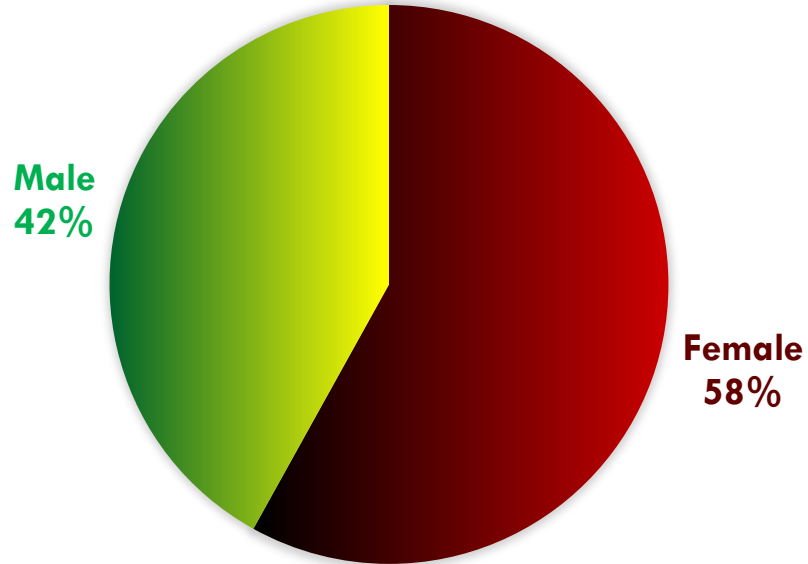
■ The 2020 statistics – A total of 31 applicants

### DISTRIBUTION BY DEGREE






▣ The 2020 statistics, cont'd.

### DISTRIBUTION BY GENDER (INFERRED BINARILY BASED ON FIRST NAME)



2019 Data	
Male	Female
44%	56%

## ■ Donations to the 2020 cycle (in the order of amount then date received)

- Mr. Hassan Amiri (Amiricon Investments) 
- Mr. M. (Giv) Soleimani 
- Dr. Ahmad Soolari (The Soolari Dentistry) 
- Dr. Manouchehr Farkhondeh (Dr. Toorany's special MD Award)
- Mrs. MahMonir Rahimi (in name of Dr. Toorany)
- Professor Jamal Rostami
- Dr. Ali Hamidi
- Mr. Homayoon Bakhtiari
- Dr. Mehrdad Massumi (Iranian-American Medical Society of Greater Washington)

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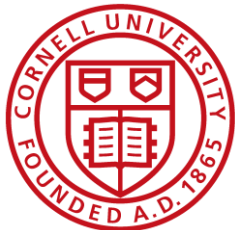


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**Postdoc at the Runway Startup Program**

**Jacobs Institute**

**Cornell University**





## DR. HESSAM YAZDANI

**Assistant Professor**

**Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering**

**Howard University**



# THE IAAP 2020 SCHOLARS



# Bachelor of Science

# Ava Farahbakhsh Darabi

**Biological Sciences**

University of Maryland



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# Nastaran Ghodratnezhad Azar

**Biology**

University of Maryland, Baltimore County



# Saideh Saidian

**Nursing**

University of Maryland Baltimore



# Michael Shamouil

**Psychology**

Stony Brook University



Stony Brook **University**

# Master of Science

# Fatemeh Soltanmohammadi

**Speech-language Pathology**

Howard University



# Doctoral Degrees in Medical Sciences



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## The Dr. Farideh Toorany Memorial Scholarship

# Darya Fadavi

## Doctorate of Medicine

### The Johns Hopkins University



In Name of Dr. Toorany

# Mona Mohammadifirouzeh

**Nursing**

George Mason University



# Doctor of Philosophy

# Vahid Abedini

**Political Science**

Florida International University



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**Mechanical Engineering**

University of Maryland



# Yashar Aucie

**Bioengineering**

University of Pittsburgh



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## Computer Science

Stevens Institute of Technology



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**Mechanical/Reliability Engineering**

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**THANK YOU and HAPPY YALDA**