

Iranian American Academics and Professionals (IAAP)

انجمن علمی-حرفه ای-ایرانی-امریکایی

Scholarship: Applications & Awards

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Reporting For

Scholarship Committee

Scholarship Award Ceremony

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IAAP

A non political and non religious group aiming to provide a medium for Iranian-American academics and professionals to interact and network on a local and national basis. IAAP offers monthly academic and professional lectures to the community and holds annual scholarship programs

گروهی است مستقل با مشی غیر سیاسی و غیر مذهبی برای
ایجاد ارتباط میان ایرانیان حرفه ای و آکادمیک.

Main Activities:

- **Monthly lecture** series open to the public,
- **Scholarship Awards**

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موسسه ای غیر انتفاعی ثبت شده در ایالت مریلند با معافیت مالیاتی.

IAAP Monthly Lectures

Lecture 90: Neutrinos: Perfect Candidate to Study High-Energy Universe

When: Thursday December 10, 2015 – 7:30 PM

Where: Montgomery Community College (Rockville Campus) – Humanity Building (HU), Conference Room 009
([Get Directions](#), [Campus Map](#))

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Speaker: Azadeh Keivani, Ph.D.

Language: Farsi

Synopsis:

Neutrinos: the subject of 2015 Nobel Prize in Physics.

The universe is made up of atoms, but atoms, despite their Greek name, are not elementary particles. They are composed of electrons surrounding a nucleus constructed of protons and neutrons. Electrons along with a few other particles are known to be elementary particles forming the ordinary matter. There are other elementary particles that are



Main objectives of the IAAP Scholarship Program

- To recognize **outstanding academic achievements** and **excellent service** to the Iranian and Iranian-American Communities by Iranian students attending universities in the DC area and the Eastern United States.
- To promote the financial support of these scholarships among the large Iranian community in the area.

Evaluation Criteria:

- **Academics**
- **Services**

10/16/2015
12/05/2015
12/28/2015
01/14/2016

Scholarship Announcement:
Application Submission Deadline:
Selection Process Completed
Award Ceremony

A rigorous set of established criteria is used to evaluate every application.



IAAP Scholarship Form

Your resume **MUST** contain:

Detailed information about your post-secondary education including

Academic

- School/College/University Names & Addresses
- Majors & Minors
- Starting & Ending Dates
- Degrees Expected or Obtained
- Significant academic achievements (awards, scholarship, ranking, recognitions)
- Membership to professional Society (PS)
- Internship /work /teaching experience
- List of publications and presentations for post graduates
- BS/MS GPA (significant evaluation point deduction will be made if not provided)

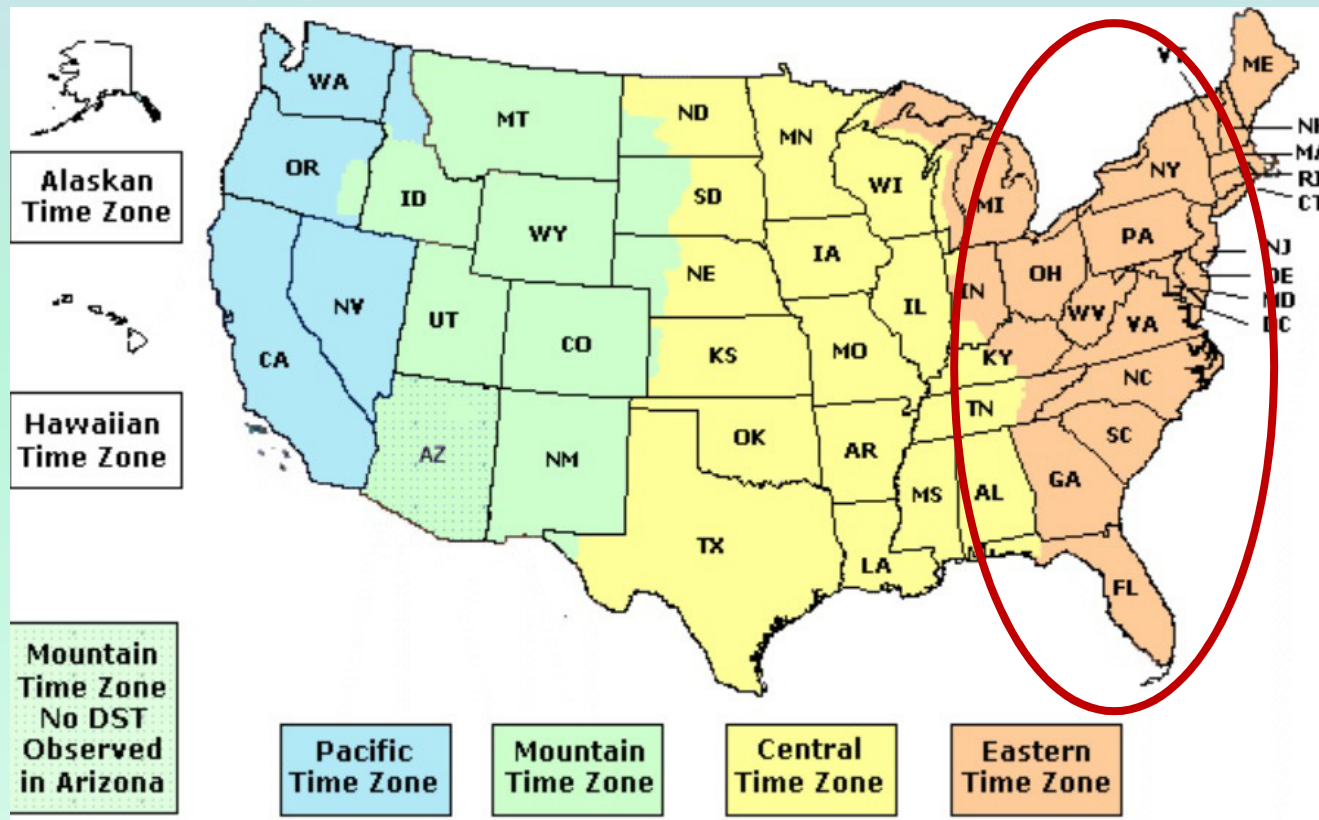
Services

- Your important services to Iranian and Iranian-American communities including
- Social services
- Academic services
- General services
- Two references (Names and Contact information)

Application Evaluation

Degree Candidate	Academic (Max)	Service (Max)	Total (Max)
BS and MS	60	40	100
Ph.D	70	30	100

Eligibility: Full Time Iranian students attending universities
in the DC area and the Eastern United States.



Application evaluation

Applicant name	Academic								Services				Total score
	GPA BS/MS	Public. # journal	Public. # conf.	Public. total points publica.	Internship /work	Overall program and school	Award /ranking	Total Academic	Iran/ Social Service	Iran / academic service	General Service	Total service	Total score
	10			25	10	20	5	70	15	10	5	30	100
Applicant 2	5.0	4.5	10	25	9	15	6	60.0	8	8	5	21	81.0
Applicant 3	9.3	3	10	26	7	14.8	4	61.1	16	10	4	30	91.1
Applicant 4	9.3	8.75	16	30	10	14.8	5	69.1	7	8	5	20	89.1
Applicant 5	9.4	1	1	6	8	17.5	7	47.9	8	10	4	22	69.9
Applicant 6	9.3	4	1.00	16.8	11	14.8	5	56.9	12	10	4	26	82.9

Evaluation Basis

- Competition in each degree category is kept separate from other categories, i.e., all BS applications compete with each other, MSs with Ms and PhD with PhDs.

Pool of Eligible Applicants- 2015

Applicant Group	Degree Level	No of Applicant	Fraction (%)
Group I	BS, BA	9	8.2
	MS, MA, DDS, MD	28	22.6
Group II	PhD	87	70.2
Total		124	100

2015 Applications

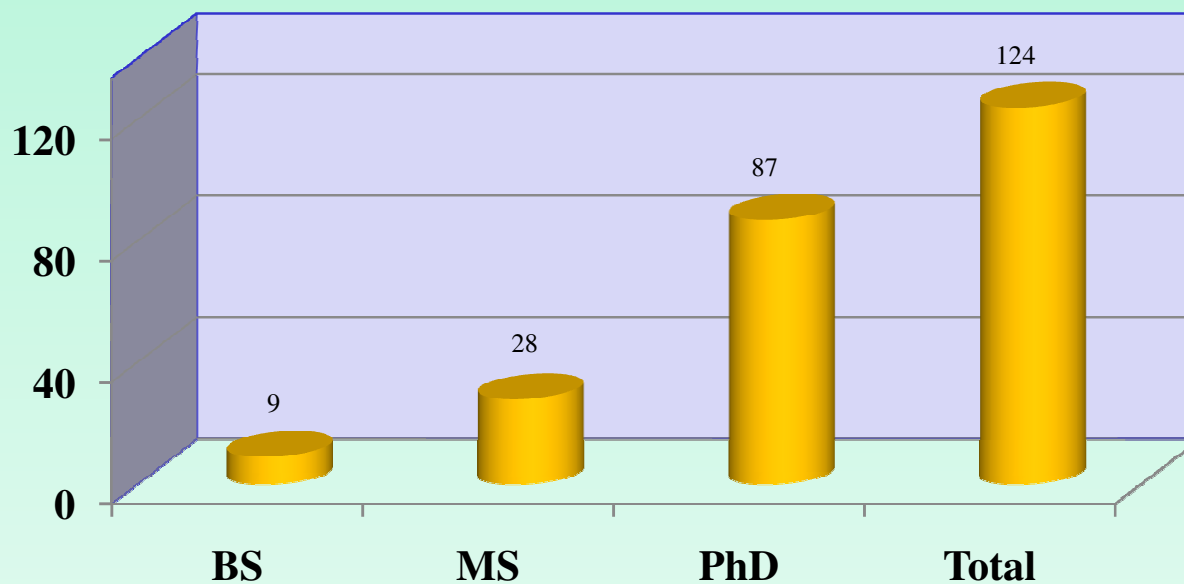
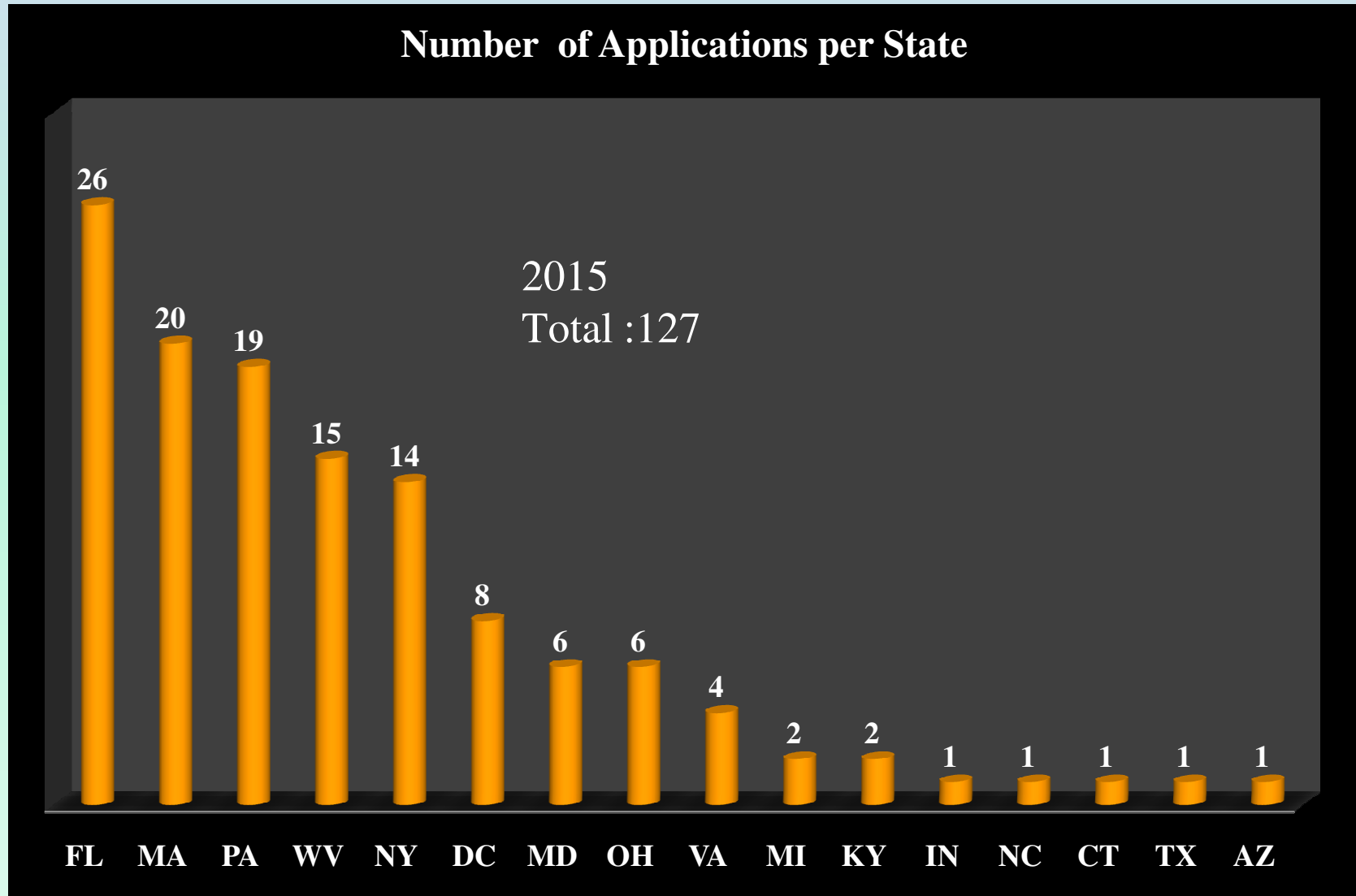
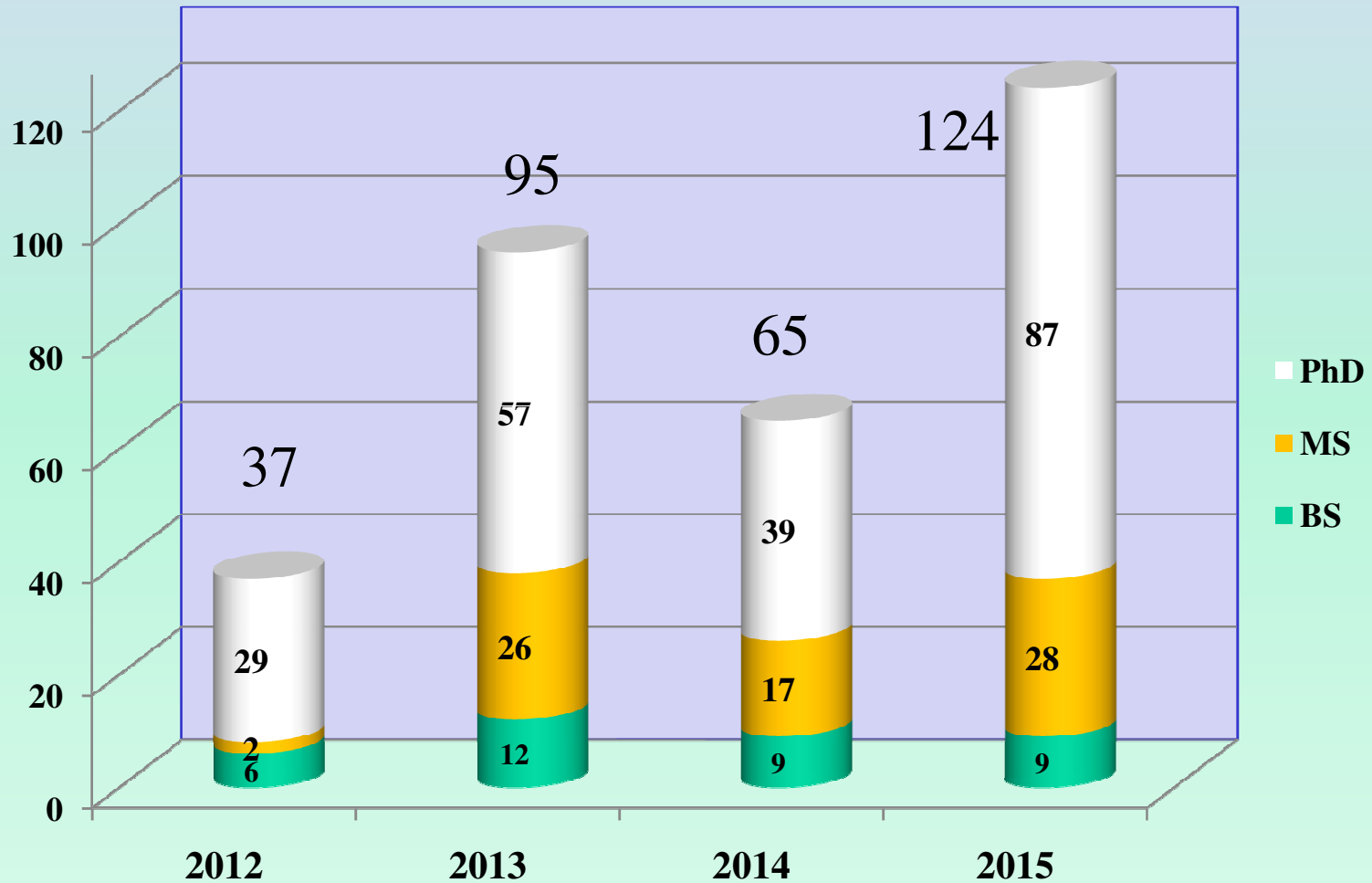


Table: No. of Applications per state- 2015



No of Yearly Applications in 3 degree categories 2012-15



2015 Scholarship Program Review Committee

PhD Applications

- **Dr. M. Farkhondeh**
- Dr. Y. Ardeshirpour
- Dr. A. Hessami
- Prof. J. Rostami

Other Committee Members

- M. Soleimani (new Chair)
- M. Mosleh

BS and MS Applications

- **Mr. F. Monemi**
- Dr. H. Seifzadeh
- (M. Farkhondeh)

2015: Only BS, MS and PhD degree candidates were allowed to apply. No Postdoc or fellows applications this year.

Transparency at IAAP

شفافیت در منابع مالی

- The only source of Scholarship funds is the generous donation of individuals and small businesses in our community.
- Similar to previous years, a list of donors and a list of awardees for 2015 Scholarship Program will be shown here and published on the IAAP Scholarship web at <http://www.IAAPDC.org>

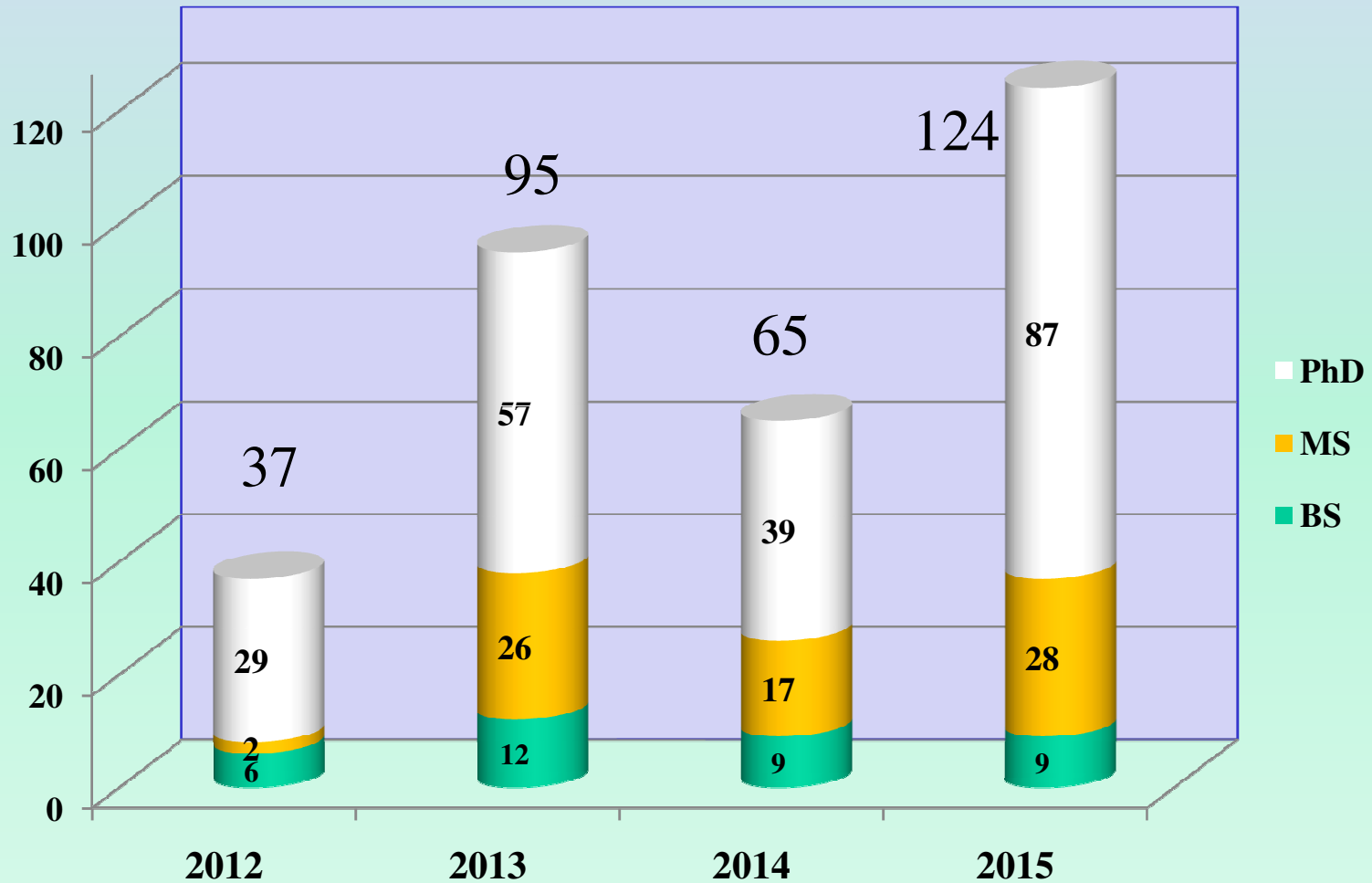
2015 Awards: 13 awards, \$500 Each, only less than 10% are awarded.

Degree program	No. of Applicants 2015	Number of Awards
BS	9	3
MS, DDS and MD	28	3
PhD	87	7
Totals	124	13

Funding Source: Ranked Contributions to 2015 Awards (In the order of amount then dates received)

Rank	Name of Donor	Rank	Name of Donor
1	SoleNet (<i>Sassan . Rostami & Mohammad Soleimani</i>)	7	Mr. Firouz Soltani
2	The Soolari Dentistry (<i>Dr. Ahmad Soolari</i>)	8	Drs. M. Farkhondeh and F. Toorany
3	Dr. Hossein Razavi	9	Shahin FC Soccer Club/Shadman
4	Lions Club of Potomac (<i>Dr. Kalantari</i>)	10	Mr. Babak Tahmassebi
5	Rahmate Khoda Foundation (<i>in memory of Mr. Rahmatollah Abedi</i>) By Abedi Family	11	Mr. Darioush Tahmassebi (<i>in memory of Dr. Cyrus Tahmassebi</i>)
6	Mr. Darioush Tahmassebi		

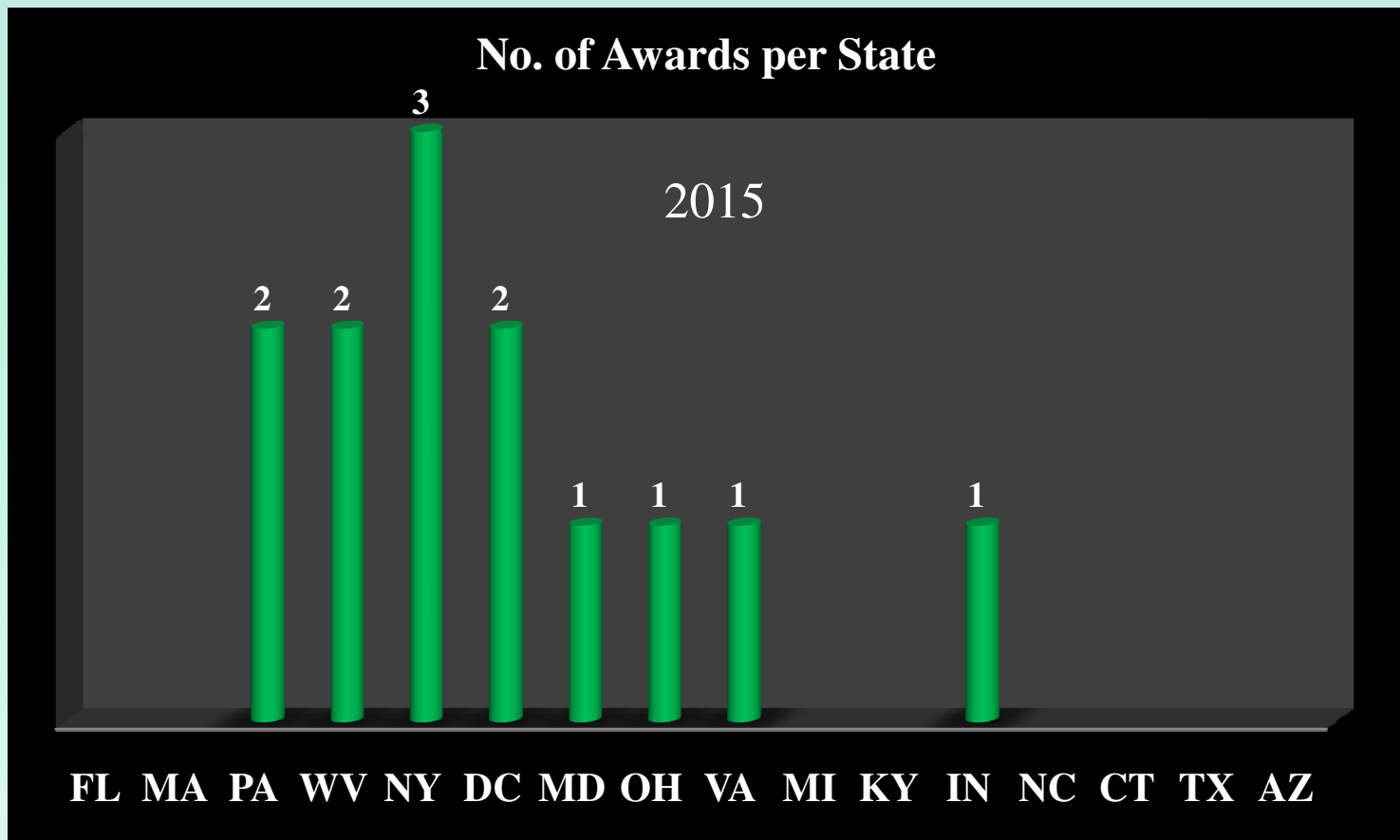
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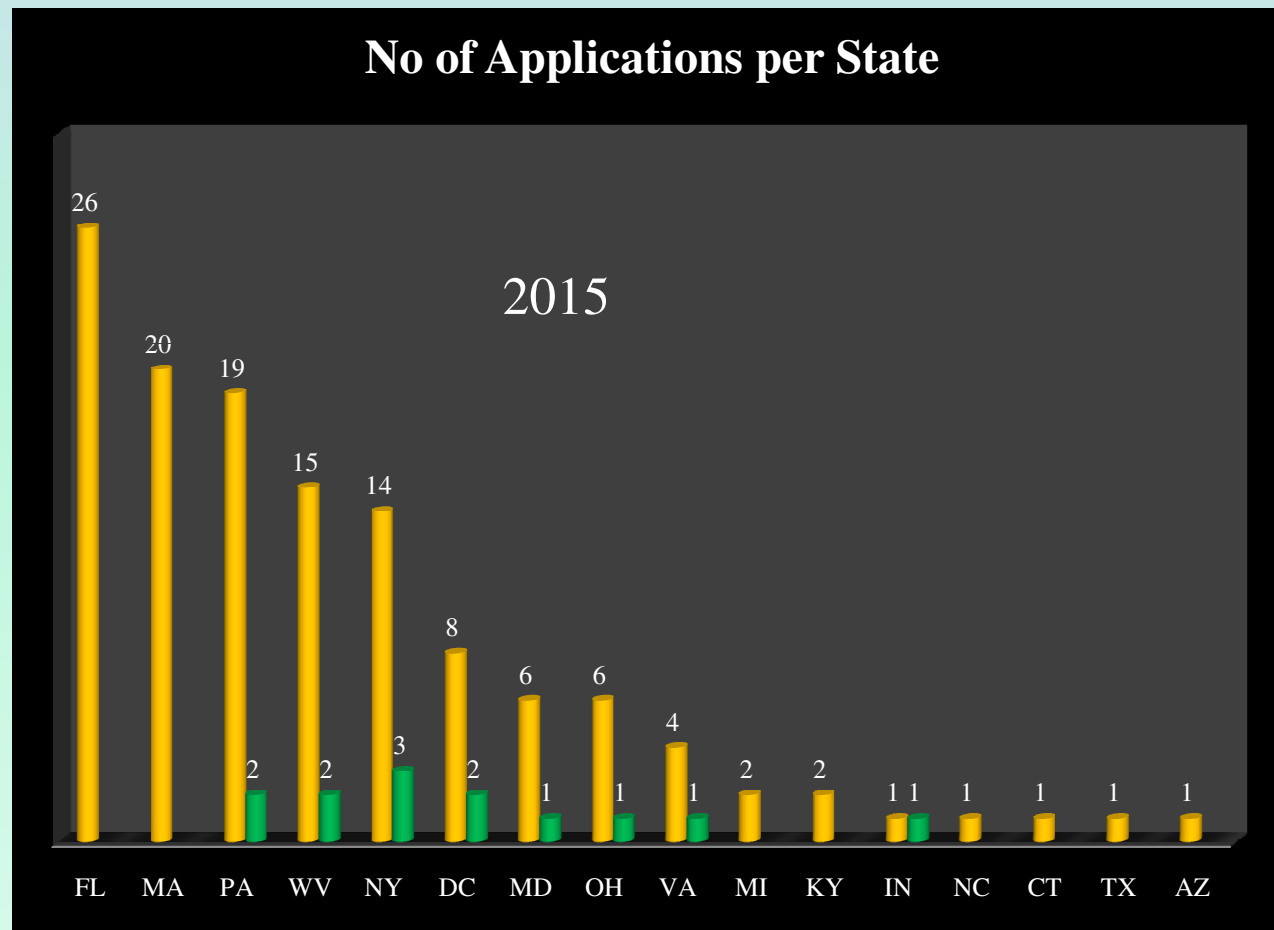
Geographic Distribution of the Recipients of 2015 Awards (By State)

Rank	State	Number of Awards	Percent
1	New York	3	23
2	West Virginia	2	15.4
2	Pennsylvania	2	15.4
2	District of Columbia	2	15.4
5	Virginia	1	7.6
5	Maryland	1	7.6
5	Indiana	1	7.6
5	Ohio	1	7.6
Total		13	100

Geographic Distribution of the Recipients of 2015 Awards (By State)



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Geographic Distribution of the Recipients of 2015 Awards (By School)

Degree	Learning Institution	No of Awards
MS	West Virginia University	2
PhD	Penn State University	2
BS	Johns Hopkins University	1
PhD	University of Maryland	1
PhD	Virginia Tech	1
BS	Columbia University	1
PhD	SUNY, Stony Brook	1
BS	City College of NY	1
PhD	Purdue University	1
PhD	Case Western Reserve University	1
ML	American University, School of Law	1
Total		13

Recipients of IAAP 2015 Student Scholarship Awards (Group I – BS and MS)

Expected Degree	Name	Major	School
BS *	Mojgan Asadi	Biology	City College of NY
BS *	Arman Mohsen Nia	Biomaterials	Johns Hopkins U
BS *	Omid Maghzian	Econ. & Math.	Columbia U

Expected Degree	Name	Major	School
MS *	Amirmahdi Tafreshian	Industrial Engineering & Statistics	West Virginia U
MS *	Katayoon Beshkardana	International studies	Wash C of Law
MS	mariam Jalalifard	Linguistics (World language)	West Virginia U

Recipients of IAAP 2015 Student Scholarship Awards (Group II – PhD Candidates)

Expected Degree	Name	Major	School
PhD	Kaveh Rahimi	Electrical Eng	Virginia Tech
PhD	Marzieh Ayati	Computer Science	Case W U
PhD	Syed-Mohammad Mir-alinaghi	Civil Eng	Purdue U
PhD *	Amir Azizi	Materials Sci & Eng	Penn State
PhD *	Elnaz Kermani	Civil Eng, Geotechnical Eng.	Penn State
PhD *	Sadaf Khosravifar	Civil and Environmental Eng	U of Maryland
MA/PhD **	Niloufar Nourbakhsh	Music Composition	Stony Brook U



Pool of Applicants- 2015

Applicant Group	Degree Level	No of Applicant	Not eligible
Group I	BS, BA	9	0
	MS, MA, DD, MD	28	0
Group II	PhD	90	3
Total		127	3

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BS and MS scores

Criteria 1: Academic Excellence	60
Criteria 2: Service to Iranian community	40
Total max score	100

BS and MS Academic Criteria				Service Criteria	
	sub-criteria	BS Max score	MS Max score		max score
Keys:	High School / BS GPA	30	15	Social serv. To Iranian	20
	Publication	0	10	Acad. Serv. To Iranian	10
	Internship/work	5	10	General Service	10
	Overall quality of program and school	20	20	Total Service	40
	Awards /ranking	5	5		
	Total	60	60		

PHD Criteria Scores

Ph.D Candidates	Max scores	Degree code	131
Criteria 1: Academic Excellence	70		
Criteria 2: Service to Iranian community	30		
Total max score	100		

Academic Criteria				Service Criteria	
	sub-criteria	max score			max score
Keys:	BS/MS GPA	10		Social serv. To Iranian	15
	Publication	25		Acad. Serv. To Iranian	10
	Internship/work	10		General Service	5
	Overall quality of program and school	20		Total Service	30
	Awards /ranking	5			
	Total	70			
	Publications		1st auth	2nd auth	
		per Journals	4	3	
		per conference	2	1	

Detailed Criteria Scores

BS and MS Degree Programs

PhD Degree Programs

Scholarships Awarded

Year	Number
2011	5
2012	10
2013	21
2014	24
2015	13