

# David Avakyan

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## EDUCATION

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### UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO

*BS, Neurobiology*

*~ June 2025*

- Second year student, senior academic standing
- MCS Scholarship Awardee

### UNIVERSITY OF SUSSEX

*Physics*

*June ~ August 2023*

- UCEAP Global Scholarship Recipient
- UC Campus Scholarship Recipient

## EXPERIENCE

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### Karin Lab, UC San Diego School of Medicine

*February 2023 -*

*Pharmacology Research Intern*

- Investigating NRF-2 transcription factor activation in macrophages
- Live animal handling (*Mus musculus* Mouse)
- Western blot, cell culture, tissue sectioning

### Sweet Spot Tennis, Burbank, California

*February 2022 -*

*Lead Racket Stringer, Salesperson*

- Professional racket stringing
- Facilitated net growth in sales over Q2 and Q3
- Mentored, trained, and instructed new employees

### Glendale Unified School District, La Crescenta, California

*June - July 2021*

*Instructional Assistant*

- Organized English lectures and writing exercises
- Individual and group instruction
- Created grade improvement strategies
- Collaborated with teaching staff

### Salt and Sugar Productions, Remote

*June - July 2021*

*Documentary Filmmaking Intern*

- Wrote, shot, edited short documentary
- Collaborated with production studio
- Showcased at Glendale Unified Film Festival

### Luv Michael, Remote

*January - April 2021*

*Fundraiser*

- Raised > \$500 advocating autistic adult employment
- Recruited volunteers to help raise funds

## LEADERSHIP

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### Neurodegenerative Disease Awareness Association, UC San Diego

*September 2022-*

*Director Of Mentorship*

- Co-founded Mentorship Program
- Drafted constitution; recruited MD and PHD students as mentors
- Paired mentors with interested pre-med / pre-grad mentees
- Contributing and coordinating ideas in Executive Board Meetings