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EDUCATION

- 2021-23 **M2 International Neuroscience**
University of Bordeaux (UB), France
Grade: 16.87/20, Rank: 1/38, Mention très bien
M1 Bordeaux International Masters in Neuroscience
Grade: 15.96/20, Rank: 2/8, Mention bien
- 2018-21 **Batchlors in Science Biology**
SRM University—AP, India
CGPA: 9.68/10.00, Rank: 1/82, Passed with Distinction

RESEARCH EXPERIENCES

- 2023 **M2 Research Internship (6 months)**
Neurogenesis and Pathophysiology Team, NM, France
Supervisor: Dr Emilie Pacary
Project: *Influence of temporal origin on dendritic spine and synapse properties of mouse dentate granule neurons.*
Extended through **Assistant Research Engineer** position (2 months)
- 2022 **M1 Research Internship (6 months)**
Planar Cell Polarity Team, NM, France
Supervisor: Dr Nathalie Sans
Project: *Spatiotemporal role of PCP protein Vangl2 in aging at the hippocampus.*
- 2019-21 **Project Oriented Biology Education Summer Research Internship (7 months)**
JNCASR, India
Project: *Bioinformatics study of various SNPs on the functioning of human AD-related proteins on autophagy in S. cerevisiae*
- 2021 **Research Internship (3 months, virtual)**
IIT Indore, India
Project: *Bioinformatics study of EBV infection on sphingosine pathway in modulating neurodegenerative diseases*

TEACHING

- 2025 **CAJAL Instructor, The Brain Prize Course: Advanced Techniques for Synapse Biology (Upcoming)**
Bordeaux Neurocampus, Bordeaux
Organised by FENS, IBRO
- 2024-25 **Teaching Assistant (12 months)**
Mission Complémentaire d'Enseignement (32H), UB
Classes taught: *M2 Cellular and Molecular Neuroscience, 8H micro-internship, L3 Scientific communication*
- 2020 **Communicative English Teaching Assistant (6 months)**
Minerva Platform, SRM University
Instructor - Dr R. Vennela

TRAINING

- 2025 **Python Training**, Université de Bordeaux, France
- 2024 **Paris NeuroCourse**, Université Paris Descartes, France
12-day residential workshop on Optical Imaging and

AWARDS AND GRANTS

- 2023-26 **EUR PhD Grant**, French Ministry of Higher Education and Research, France
- 2023 **Jury award for Best Presentation of M2 research project**, Neuroscience Bordeaux Association, France
- 2022 **Region Nouvelle-Aquitaine Merit fellowship**, France
- 2018-21 **Gold Medal** for outstanding academic performance, SRM University-AP
- 2018-21 **Merit-based scholarship**, SRM University-AP, India
- 2019 **Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research Summer Fellowship**, India

CONFERENCES

- 2024 **Poster Presentation**, Workshop Biophysics, molecular organization & regulation of postsynaptic domains: 'Bridging Synaptic Molecular Architecture to Function: a Correlative Multimodal Approach to study Synapse Heterogeneity
- 2024 **Poster Presentation**, IINS Poster session: 'Bridging Synaptic Molecular Architecture to Function: a Correlative Multimodal Approach to study Synapse Heterogeneity
- 2020 **Poster Presentation**, 11th Berlin-Brandenburg School for Regenerative Therapies Symposium: 'Effect Endogenous Electric Fields on metabolites on NSC growth in AD microenvironment'
- 2022 **Attendee**, 19th Synapse and Network Day, France
- 2022 **Attendee**, Neurocentre Magendie Symposium, France
- 2020 **Attendee**, RIKEN and UCSF Neuroscience Symposium, Virtual

Bioinformatics: Basics of R and Python, IMARIS, Metamorph and ImageJ

Languages: Tamil (Native), English (Fluent), Hindi (Beginner), French (DELF A2), German (Beginner)

Electrophysiological Recording in Neuroscience

35 lectures (180 mins each) in electrophysiological methods, optical microscopy and imaging, and data analysis; **10 afternoons** of hands-on experiments in electrophysiology, CCD imaging, photolysis and practical optics.

- 2022 **Bordeaux Summer School**, Bordeaux Neurocampus, France
Theme: Introduction to experimental neurosciences
Techniques: *In-vivo calcium imaging basics, chemogenetic inactivation, Y-maze social memory test, fibre photometry analysis via Python, brain fractionation, synaptosome extraction, western blot*
- 2022 **Formation Appicateur Experimentation Animale: Rodents et Lagomorphs**, UB, France
- 2021 **IBRO-RIKEN CBS Summer Program**, Japan
Poster: *Exploring the relationship between variable 4N soluble tau pathology and endocytic vesicular dynamics*

LEADERSHIP AND MEMBERSHIP

- 2025-now **PhD Seminar Co-organiser**, Bordeaux Neurocampus, France
- 2025 **Bordeaux Open Science Workshop (OSW) Co-organiser (Upcoming)**, BordeauxTea, France
- 2023-now **IINS Social Science Committee**, IINS, France
- 2023-now **Direction Committee of Neuroscience Bordeaux Association (NBA)**, France
- 2021-now **Member of NBA**, France
- 2018-21 **Co-founder of Arts, Culture and Technology Society, President of Literary Club, Captain of Woman's Basketball team**, SRM University-AP, India
- 2019-20 **Student Council, Environmental Action Committee, Chairperson of Nutrition Committee**, SRM University-AP, India

PUBLICATIONS

1. Liouta K, Lubas M*, **Venugopal V***, Chabbert J, Jeannière C, Diaz C, Munier M, Tessier B, Claverol S, Favereaux A, Sainlos M, de Wit J, Letellier M, Thoumine O, Chamma I. LRRTM2 controls presynapse nano-organization and AMPA receptor sub-positioning through Neurexin-binding interface. Nat Commun. 2024 Oct 11;15(1):8807. doi: 10.1038/s41467-024-53090-y. PMID: 39394199; PMCID: PMC11470055 (**equal contribution from authors*)
2. Depret N,* Gleizes M*, Moreau MM, Poirault-Chassac S, Quiedeville A, Carvalho SDS, **Venugopal V**, Abed ASA, Ezan J, Barthet G, Mulle C, Desmedt A, Marighetto A, Racca C, Montcouquiol M, Sans N. The correct connectivity of the DG-CA3 circuits involved in declarative memory processes depends on Vangl2-dependent planar cell polarity signaling. Prog Neurobiol. 2025 Feb 15;246:102728. doi: 10.1016/j.pneurobio.2025.102728. Epub ahead of print. PMID: 39956311 (**equal contribution from authors*)
3. Student Journal - Brainstorm: MicroRNAs in neuronal development and function, Short Review