



## Continuous competitive extramural grants propelling Public Health Microbiology program to new heights

Dr. Aliyar Cyrus Fouladkhah, founding director and associate professor of the Public Health Microbiology program has secured more than \$4.8 million of competitive extramural grants as project director and co-director since 2015. These funding supports have enabled his program to make substantial and unparalleled opportunities for students and advisees and impactful deliverables for stakeholders.

His students and advisees have received more than 50 research awards and scholarships. So far, three advisees of the program have secured faculty positions in Tennessee and Georgia. Peer-reviewed research and outreach publications about his program have reached numerous stakeholders, including an infectious diseases and climate change article that has reached more than 134,000 stakeholders.

Applied research of Fouladkhah's group has been featured in several events, including the Yale Food Symposium and Harvard Just Food? conferences. He has also presented his research group's work as an invited speaker for several agencies, including the National Board of Public Health Examiners, the Yale Young Global Scholar program and the Public Health Institute of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

In recent years, Fouladkhah has received several recognitions, including the 2023 USAID Service of the Year Award, the 2022 Outstanding Service Award from Yale Alumni Association and the 2022 Distinguished Industrial Scientist Award of Tennessee Academy of Science. In addition to supporting local stakeholders, his program has held global food safety and public health workshops in Colombia, the Dominican Republic, the Republic of Georgia, Guatemala, Haiti, India, Jamaica and South Africa. For more information about his program, visit <https://publichealthmicrobiology.education/>.