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### Education

Degree	Institution	Major
M.D.	University of Belgrade, Medical School	Medicine
M.Sc.	University of Belgrade	Neuroscience
Ph.D.	University of Belgrade, Medical School	Developmental Neurobiology

### Post-Graduate Training

Training	Institution	Specialty
Fellowship	University of Zurich	Fellowship for Visiting Scientist, Pharmacology Dept.

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Fellowship	Harvard Medical School	Dept. Neuroanatomy and Neuropathology
Fellowship	The Johns Hopkins University Medical School	Dept. Anatomy
Residency	University of Belgrade	Dept. Neurology, Clinic of Neurology
Fellowship	INSERM U106	Fellowship for Visiting Scientist
Fellowship	WUS, Republic of Austria	Fellowship the Brain Gain Program (BGP) to teach an undergraduate college course in Belgrade, Serbia with a series of lectures on Brain and Microglia development.

### **Awards**

<b>Name of Award/Honor</b>	<b>Awarding Organization</b>
Stem Cell Initiative grant award.	
grant awards	NIH and Society for MS
Deans honor, 1967, 1969, 1970	Medical School of Belgrade

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**Not accepting lab rotation students at this time**

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