

**ANNOUNCEMENT  
BODOSSAKI EXCELLENCE AWARD 2026**

The Bodossaki Excellence Award is established by Bodossaki Foundation, in order to pay tribute to and showcase the achievements of outstanding Greek scientists who have devoted their lives to science and made a significant contribution to the advancement of their disciplines.

More specifically, the purpose of the Bodossaki Excellence Award is to make known to the wider public internationally acclaimed Greek scientists who are active in the fields of (a) Physical Sciences and Mathematics; (b) Technological Sciences; (c) Biomedical Sciences; and (d) Social Sciences.

In principle, two (2) Excellence Awards are awarded in every two-year “cycle”, each accompanied by a cash prize of one hundred thousand euros (€ 100,000).

Each one of the two biennial Excellence Awards concerns one of the above four scientific fields. The two (2) scientific fields in which the two Excellence Awards will be awarded in a given cycle will be designated as the “active fields” for that cycle. The active fields for each cycle will be determined by the Foundation’s Board of Trustees.

Each Excellence Award is awarded to one Greek (by nationality or descent) scientist only. For the purposes of eligibility for the Bodossaki Excellence Award the candidate should be able to demonstrate that he or she is a Greek citizen, or that at least one of his/her grandparents is/was a Greek citizen. More complex cases will be reviewed on an individual basis.

For the year 2026, the Foundation has decided to award two Excellence Awards, each accompanied by a cash prize of one hundred thousand euros (€100,000), in the following academic fields:

**1. Technological Sciences**

**2. Social Sciences**

Candidates are not subject to any age limit and must be alive at the time of their proclamation as winners of the Bodossaki Excellence Award.

The entitlement to the monetary prize associated with the Excellence Awards is non-transferable and non-inheritable.

In the event of a laureate’s passing after their proclamation but before the award ceremony and the disbursement of the monetary prize, the award shall be received by their next of kin, while the monetary prize shall be allocated at the discretion of the Board of Directors of the Bodossaki Foundation to charitable initiatives, ensuring that these actions honor the memory of the deceased.

Nominations shall under no circumstances be submitted by the candidates themselves.



**The submission of applications requires:**

- a) the completion of the short [online application form](#) by the nominator, and
- b) the uploading of a letter of nomination to the [online application platform](#).

The letter of nomination should indicate the candidate's scientific field, and describe his/her activities and achievements in relation to the field of his/her candidacy, including reference to the nominee's publications. There is no specific template for this letter but it should not exceed 2 pages in length. The letter of nomination is confidential.

**The closing date for the submission of applications for the Bodossaki Excellence Award is September 30th, 2025. Only complete applications will be considered.**

More information on the application process can be found in the example application form.

The Foundation may request additional information from the shortlisted applicants to confirm their eligibility.

Nominations for the award are evaluated by the Excellence Award Committee, which is comprised of ten (10) members, eight (8) of whom are outstanding non-Greek scientists active in one or more of the programme's four fields, and two of whom are ex officio the President and the Vice President of the Board of Bodossaki Foundation. The Committee may be supported by specialist selection committees and/or referees.

Active members of the Board of Directors of the Bodossaki Foundation and active members of the Excellence Award Committee are prohibited from serving as nominees for the Excellence Award.

The Excellence Award Committee, in addition to receiving nominations from third parties, may, on its own initiative, research and evaluate candidates for the Awards, submitting relevant recommendations to the Foundation's Board of Trustees.

The announcement of the Bodossaki Excellence Award winners is made following the ratification of the Committee's proposals by Bodossaki Foundation's Board of Trustees.

Additional information may be obtained from Bodossaki Foundation, tel. no. Greece: +30.210.722-3244, email: [excellenceaward@bodossaki.gr](mailto:excellenceaward@bodossaki.gr).

**Personal Data**

Attached herein is a Special Notice on the Processing of Personal Data in the context of the Excellence Award. The Foundation's General Data Protection Policy is available at the following link: <https://www.bodossaki.gr/politikiprostasias>.

Athens, May 2025  
THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF BODOSSAKI FOUNDATION



### **Excellence Award Committee Members**

The names of the Excellence Award Committee Members are published for transparency purposes. Committee Members are not allowed to make nominations and should not be contacted by nominators or nominees regarding nominations. For the current cycle of the Bodossaki Excellence Award the Committee comprises the following members:

- **Richard Blundell**, David Ricardo Professor of Political Economy, Department of Economics, UCL.
- **Arup Chakraborty**, Institute Professor; Professor of Chemical Engineering, Physics, & Chemistry, Core Faculty Member and Former Founding Director, Institute for Medical Engineering & Science, MIT, Founding Steering Committee Member, Ragon Institute of MGH, MIT, & Harvard.
- **Daan Frenkel**, Professor of Chemistry, University of Cambridge.
- **Frank Grosveld**, Professor, Former Head of the Department of Cell Biology, Erasmus MC.
- **Daniela Rus**, Andrew (1956) and Erna Viterbi Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science and Director of the Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Laboratory (CSAIL), MIT.
- **Eva Tardos**, Jacob Gould Schurman Professor of Computer Science, Cornell University. Member of National Academy of Engineering, the National Academy of Sciences, the American Philosophical Society, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences; external member of the Hungarian and Austrian Academy of Sciences. Winner of the IEEE von Neumann Medal.
- **Jean Tirole**, Honorary Chairman, Foundation JJ Laffont-Toulouse School of Economics (TSE), Institute for Advanced Study in Toulouse (IAST), and Scientific Director, TSE-Partnership.
- **Fiona Watt**, Director of the European Molecular Biology Organization (EMBO), Group leader at European Molecular Biology Laboratory (EMBL).
- **Athina Dessypri**, President of Bodossaki Foundation's Board of Trustees.
- **Theodoros Theodorou**, Professor, School of Chemical Engineering, National Technical University of Athens, Vice President of Bodossaki Foundation's Board of Trustees.



### **Past recipients of the Bodossaki Excellence Award:**

- Professor **Ioannis Iliopoulos**. Director of Research at the French National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS) and Director of the Theoretical Physics Laboratory of the École Normale Supérieure in Paris. Corresponding Member of the Academy of Athens and Member of the French Academy of Sciences. He was awarded the Bodossaki Excellence Award in recognition of the significance of his entire contribution to the science of Physics, which has played a decisive role in shaping the Field Theory of Elementary Particle Physics. Year of award: 2002.
- Professor **Kyriakos Nicolaou**. Professor of Chemistry at the University of California. Director of the Department of Chemistry at the Scripps Research Institute, where he is Professor of Chemistry and Professor of Chemical Biology. He was awarded the Bodossaki Excellence Award for his outstanding contribution to the synthesis of the most complex natural products used to combat many diseases, such as cancer, microbial infections and cardiovascular diseases. Year of award: 2004.
- Professor **Athanassios Fokas**. Professor of Nonlinear Mathematical Science at the University of Cambridge. He was awarded the Bodossaki Excellence Award for his contribution in solving problems in Non-linear Differential Equations with Partial Derivatives, as well as in applying these methods in many different areas of science. Year of award: 2006.
- Professor **Demetrios Christodoulou**. Professor of Mathematics and Physics at the Federal Institute of Technology in Zürich (ETH Zürich). He was awarded the Bodossaki Excellence Award for his important contribution to the Theory of General Relativity and Gravity. Year of award: 2006.
- Professor **Evangelos Moudrianakis**. Professor of the Department of Biology at Johns Hopkins University and Professor of the Department of Biophysics at the same University. He was awarded the Bodossaki Excellence Award for his ground-breaking study of chromatin structure, the crystallographic solution of the protein core of the nucleosome and the discovery of the histonic fold, and for the synthesis of the first atomic imaging of the three-dimensional structure of the nucleosome. Year of award: 2009.
- Professor **Caralambos Moutsopoulos**. Professor at the School of Medicine of the University of Athens. He was awarded the Bodossaki Excellence Award for his important contribution to the understanding of the pathogenesis of autoimmune systemic rheumatic diseases and for his innovative contribution to the progress in elucidating the etiopathology of Sjögren's syndrome. Year of award: 2011.



- Professor **George Chrousos**. Professor at the School of Medicine of the University of Athens. He was awarded the Bodossaki Excellence Award for his important research achievements in Neuroendocrinology, which include pioneering studies on the pathophysiology of stress and of the mechanisms that regulate the hypothalamic-pituitary-adrenal axis, with emphasis on the signalling function of the glucocorticoids receptor in normal and pathological conditions. Year of award: 2011.
- Professor **Chryssa Kouveliotou**. Professor of Astrophysics in the Physics Department of the Columbian College of Arts and Sciences at The George Washington University. She was awarded the Bodossaki Excellence Award for her contribution to the deeper understanding of transient celestial phenomena and her research in the field of High-Energy Astrophysical transients, particularly the study of phenomena related to black holes, neutron stars, and gamma-ray bursts. Year of award: 2024.
- Professor **Nektarios Tavernarakis**. Professor at the Medical School of the University of Crete, Chairman at the Foundation for Research and Technology-Hellas (FORTH), Chair at the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT). He was awarded the Bodossaki Excellence Award for his innovative research in the fields of ageing, necrotic cell death and neurodegeneration. Year of award: 2024.



## PRIVACY NOTICE

This Privacy Notice applies to processing activities carried out towards selection of the winners of **“Bodossaki Excellence Award”**.

### 1. Data Controller

The Public Benefit Foundation- private legal entity operating under the name **“BODOSSAKI FOUNDATION”** (14 Mourouzi st., 10674 Athens, Greece, telephone: 210-3237973, email address: [legal@bodossaki.gr](mailto:legal@bodossaki.gr)) acts as a Data Controller for processing activities carried out, in accordance with the “Bodossaki Excellence Award” Regulation:

- a) During the application process;
- b) Towards the evaluation of the applications submitted;
- c) Towards selection-announcement of the winners.

### 2. Contact details for data protection issues

To exercise your rights under the applicable Data Protection Legislation, to raise questions or for any other reason regarding the processing of personal data described in this Notice, you may contact the Foundation’s Data Protection Officer at the email address: [dpo@bodossaki.gr](mailto:dpo@bodossaki.gr).

### 3. Which personal data are processed

Towards selecting the winners of Bodossaki Excellence Award, we process personal data as described below:

#### a. Online applications

When each nominator submits an application through the platform “apps.bodossaki.gr”, the following personal data of the candidates are processed:

- i. Full name;
- ii. Occupation or Position;
- iii. Date of Birth;
- iv. Landline;
- v. Mobile Phone;
- vi. Email;
- vii. Details on ethnicity and citizenship.

Additionally, we process the following data of "nominators":

- i. Credentials - online account information;
- ii. Full name;
- iii. Position;
- iv. Institution;
- v. Full address;



- vi. Telephone;
- vii. Email.

#### **b. Documents supporting each application – Letter of Nomination**

For the purpose of supporting each application, nominators submit a Letter of Nomination including the following information about each candidate:

- i. Scientific field;
- ii. Information on scientific activities and achievements in the relevant scientific field;
- iii. Information on publications;
- iv. Any personal data included in the Letter submitted by the Nominator.

The applications and Letters of Nomination become available to the Excellence Award Committee, the Selection Committees or/and the referees, so that the evaluation procedure is completed and the final recommendation is submitted to the Board of Trustees of the Bodossaki Foundation, which will, then, announce the winners.

#### **4. Purpose of the processing and corresponding legal basis**

The purpose of the personal data processing is the selection-announcement of the winners of Bodossaki Excellence Award by the Board of Trustees of the Bodossaki Foundation in accordance with the relevant Regulation.

The Legal bases for the processing of personal data of:

- A. Candidates is to take steps at the request of the Data Subjects prior to entering into a contract (Article 6(1)(b) of the GDPR);
- B. Nominators is the legitimate interest pursued by the Foundation, being the proper fulfilment of its objectives as set out in its Statute (Article 6(1)(f) of the GDPR).

#### **5. Data Retention Period**

Personal data contained in the applications and relevant documents are deleted six (6) months after the announcement of the winners. It should be noted that personal data of the winners are further retained in accordance with the Foundation's relevant Policies and rules.

#### **6. Disclosure and transfer of personal data**

Personal data contained in the applications and relevant documents are disclosed/become available to the following recipients only:



- a) The Excellence Award Committee;
- b) The Selection Committees;
- c) The referees;
- d) The Company operating under the name "ADAPTAVIST LIMITED GREEK BRANCH" (ex. NIMAWORKS LIMITED, 47 Ag. Konstantinou st., Marousi, Athens, Greece) providing the online applications platform.
- e) Providers of IT services and products that support our IT infrastructure. These providers are committed to protecting your personal data.

## 7. Rights

You can exercise the following rights by sending a request to the above-mentioned email address (under 2):

- a. The right of access: You have the right to request, at any time, information about the processing of your data or even copies of them.
- b. The right to rectification: You have the right to ask us to correct data you consider to be inaccurate as well as to complete data you consider to be incomplete.
- c. The right of erasure (right to be forgotten): You have the right, subject to legal requirements, to ask us to erase your data.
- d. The right to restrict processing: You can request that we restrict the processing of personal data in case of doubt about their accuracy, as well as in case the data is no longer necessary for the original purpose but for legal reasons cannot yet be deleted.
- e. The right to object to processing: As a nominator or referee, you can object to the processing of your personal data. If, however, there are compelling legitimate grounds for processing which override the rights and interests that you will invoke, we may refuse your objection on legitimate grounds.
- f. The right to portability of personal data: As a candidate, you can request that we transfer your data to another organisation or provide it to you.

If you are not satisfied with the response to your request or if you consider that the processing of your personal data violates the applicable regulatory framework, you have the right to lodge a complaint with the Personal Data Protection Authority (postal address: Avenue. Kifissia Street 1-3, P.C. 115 23, Athens, tel. 210 6475600, e-mail address: [contact@dpa.gr](mailto:contact@dpa.gr)).

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