

**ANNOUNCEMENT
DISTINGUISHED YOUNG SCIENTIST AWARDS
2027**

In the framework of Bodossaki Foundation's longstanding support of the creative work of young Greek scientists, and with the aim of rewarding their dedication to the advancement of science as well as promoting outstanding role models for society, Bodossaki Foundation has established the "Distinguished Young Scientist Awards", open to young scholars of Greek descent.

For 2027, the Foundation has decided to award four prizes, which are each accompanied by a financial award of €20,000, in the following academic fields:

- 1. Basic Sciences:** Mathematics
- 2. Life Sciences:** Biomedical Sciences
- 3. Applied Sciences / Technologies:** Intelligent Robotic and Autonomous Systems
- 4. Social Sciences:** Economics or Political Sciences

Nominations are submitted exclusively by third-party nominators. Self-nominations for a Scientific Award are not permitted.

Each nominator substantiates the proposed nomination in its entirety by submitting a nomination letter presenting the proposed candidate, their scientific work, their career path, and the significance of their contribution to the relevant scientific field.

The nomination is approved and supported by two referees through the submission of letters of recommendation, which assess the quality, originality, and international recognition of the proposed candidate's research activity, document specific aspects of the scientific work, complementing the nomination letter, without replacing it.

The nominators and referees should be scientists in the candidate's area of expertise who are of the same or a more senior level, or the head of a university or research institution.

General Conditions for granting the Scientific Awards:

1. The prizes will be awarded to persons of Greek nationality, parentage, or descent. Eligible candidates are those who can demonstrate that they are Greek citizens or that at least one of their two parents is/was a Greek citizen, and who declare that they speak the Greek language at a sufficient level to communicate their scientific work.



2. Candidates must hold a doctoral degree (PhD) with demonstrated research work relevant to the scientific field of the Awards.
3. Candidates **born on or after 1st January 1987** are eligible to apply. For mothers and persons who declare themselves to be the primary providers of parental care, the age limit is increased by one year for each child with a limit of two years (meaning that such candidates with one child are eligible to apply if their date of birth is on or after 1st January 1986, while such candidates with more than one child are eligible to apply if their date of birth is from on or after 1st January 1985).

The submission of nominations requires the following steps:

A. For the submission of nominations, nominators are required to:

1. Create an account and complete a short nomination form on the electronic submission platform at the following link [here](#).
2. Submit the nomination letter indicating the candidate's field of expertise and describing, in a documented manner, their principal scientific achievements and referring to their most significant publications. No specific template is provided.
3. Indicate two referees, registering their basic details (full name, title/position, telephone number, and email address).

B. After the successful electronic submission of the nomination by the nominator, the two referees automatically receive notification via email inviting them to approve the and support nomination by submitting each a reference letter evaluating the candidate's work, the prospects of their work, and their ethos.

A necessary condition for the valid and successful submission of a nomination is the timely submission of the nomination letter as well as the two reference letters submitted by the respective referees.

The deadline for the submission of nominations is 19 October 2026. This deadline applies to all stages.

Nominators are advised to communicate with referees in due time, as only complete applications submitted before the final date of submission will be taken into consideration.

The nomination, including the nominator's accompanying letter and the referees' reference letters, is strictly confidential.



Further information regarding the nomination submission process can be found within the relevant form.

The selection criteria include the candidates' outstanding contribution to their scientific field and their contribution to the international promotion of Greece through their work and their ethos, based on the submitted information.

During the evaluation process, the Foundation may request that the proposed candidates submit additional information or documents related to their nomination and its evaluation, such as:

1. Copy of I.D. card or passport.
2. Full curriculum vitae.
3. Eligible candidates who exceed the regular age limit, i.e. mothers and individuals who have the role of primary parental care provider, are requested to submit birth certificates of minor children or certificates of family status issued by the competent authorities, or equivalent documents issued abroad, in order to demonstrate their eligibility despite exceeding the regular age limit.

The laureates will be expected to present their scientific work in the Greek language in front of the audience of the Awards Ceremony, as well as in the context of interviews with representatives of the press. The Awards Ceremony will be broadcast live through the social media channels of the Foundation and will remain available on the Foundation's websites.

For additional information candidates can contact the Bodossaki Foundation, tel. no. Greece: +30.210.322.1280, e-mail: prizes@bodossaki.gr.

Personal Data

A special Privacy Notice governing the Awards is attached hereto, while the General Personal Data Protection Policy of the Foundation is available at the following link: <https://www.bodossaki.gr/politikiprostasias>.

Athens, March 2026

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Prize Committee Members:

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| Ioannis Aifantis | Herman M. Biggs Professor of Pathology, NYU School of Medicine. |
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| Nektarios Tavernarakis | Professor of Molecular Systems Biology, Medical School of the University of Crete |

The following members are participating on behalf of the Foundation in the Prize Committee:

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| Athina Dessypri | President of the Board of Trustees of the Bodossaki Foundation |
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Selection Committees

The names of the members of the Selection Committees will be announced after the nomination of the laureates



Past Years' Award Recipients

Basic Sciences:

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| Professor George P. Efstathiou, F.R.S. | Department of Physics, Oxford University, in the field of Experimental / Theoretical Astrophysics, in 1993. |
| Dr. Ignatios E. Antoniadis | Director of Research, Centre de Physique Theorique, Ecole Polytechnique, CN.R.S., Paris, in the field of Particle/Nuclear Physics, in 1994. |
| Professor Panagiotis E. Souganidis | Department of Mathematics, University of Wisconsin-Madison, in the field of Applied Mathematics, in 1995. |
| Professor Theodore N. Theodorou | Department of Chemical Engineering, University of Patras, in the field of Chemistry, in 1996. |
| Professor Nikos S. Kapouleas | Department of Mathematics, Brown University, in the field of Pure Mathematics, in 1997. |
| Professor Nancy J. Makri | Department of Chemistry, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, in the field of Atomic, Molecular, Solid State and Optical Physics, in 1999. |
| Dr. Theofanis N. Kitsopoulos | Associate Professor, Department of Chemistry, University of Crete, in the field of Chemistry, in 2003. |
| Dr. Dimitrios S. Psaltis | Assistant Professor, Department of Physics, University of Arizona, in the field of Particle/ Astrophysics, in 2005. |



Dr. Mihalis K. Dafermos

Reader, Department of Pure Mathematics and Mathematical Statistics, University of Cambridge, in the field of Mathematics, in 2008.

Dr. Kyriakos I. Papadodimas

Assistant Professor at the University of Groningen (on leave) and Theory Group Scientist at CERN, Geneva, in the field of Science, Theory or Experiment: Nuclear Physics-Elementary Particle Physics-Astroparticle Physics, in 2017.

Dr. Giannis Ch. Mpourmpakis

Assistant Professor at the University of Pittsburgh, in the field of Science, Chemistry, in 2019.

Dr. Stefanos Aretakis

Assistant Professor at the University of Toronto, in the field of Science, Mathematics, in 2021.

Dr. Themistoklis Sapsis

Associate Professor at MIT, in the field of Science, Mathematics, in 2021.

Dr. Konstantinos Vogiatzis

Associate Professor of Theoretical and Computational Chemistry at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, in 2023.

Dr. Maria Petropoulou

Assistant Professor of Physics at the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, in 2025.

Applied Science:

Professor Yiannis E. Aloimonos

Head of Computer Vision Laboratory, University of Maryland, Associate Professor, University of Crete, in the field of Artificial Intelligence and Neural Networks Systems in 1993.

Professor John N. Tsitsiklis

Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, in the field of Sciences of



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| | Information Processing Systems & Methods in 1994. |
| Professor John K. Pitas | Department of Computer Science, University of Thessaloniki, in the field of Sciences of Information, Communication & Systems in 1995. |
| Professor Yannis G. Kevrekidis | Department of Chemical Engineering, University of Princeton, in the field of Systems, Man and Cybernetics in 1996. |
| Professor Chris. A. Floudas | Department of Chemical Engineering, University of Princeton, in the field of Systems, Man and Cybernetics in 1996. |
| Professor C. D. Polychronopoulos | Department of Electrical Engineering, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, in the field of Theoretical and Applied Computer Science, in 1997. |
| Dr. Leandros O. Tassiulas | Associate Professor, Electrical Engineering Department, University of Maryland, in the field of Theories, Technologies and Applications of Parallel and Distributed Computing Systems, in 1999. |
| Dr. Konstantina S. Nikita | Associate Professor, Faculty of Electrical & Computer Engineering, National Technical University of Athens, in the field of Research and Applications of Informatics in Medicine, in 2003. |
| Professor Paschalis V. Alexandridis | Department of Chemical & Biological Engineering, University at Buffalo, The State University of New York, in the field of Micro and Nano Science and Technology, in 2005. |
| Professor Nikos K. Paragios | Department of Applied Mathematics, École Centrale de Paris, in the field of Theories, Methods and Techniques, of Biomedical Applications of Informatics and Telecommunications, in 2008. |



Professor Domniki M. Asimaki

Department of Mechanical and Civil Engineering at the California Institute of Technology, in the field of Applied Science (Solid and Fluid Mechanics, Structural Mechanics, Materials, Geo-technical Systems), in 2017.

Professor Elisa E. Konofagou

Department of Biomedical Engineering at Columbia University, in the field of Applied Science (Solid and Fluid Mechanics, Structural Mechanics, Materials, Geo-technical Systems), in 2017.

Professor Constantinos P. Daskalakis

Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science at MIT, in the field of Applied Science (Computing Systems, Information Technology, Computer Science, Networks and Communications, Generation and Energy Management Systems, Robotics, Electronic Systems), in 2019.

Dr. Antonios Papavassiliou

Associate Professor at the Université Catholique de Louvain (UCLouvain), in the field of Applied Science (Alternative and Renewable Energy, Environmental and Natural Resources Management, Low Carbon Emission Technologies, Energy Efficiency and Conservation), in 2021.

Dr. Vasilis Syrgkanis

Assistant Professor of Management Science and Engineering and (by courtesy) of Computer Science, at Stanford University, and a James and Anna Marie Spilker Faculty Fellow, in 2023.

Dr. Ioannis Gkioulekas

Associate Professor at the Robotics Institute of Carnegie Mellon University, in 2025.

Social Sciences:

Professor John D. Geanakoplos

Department of Economics, Yale University, in the field of Economics, in 1993.



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| Dr. Linos-Alexandros G. Sisilianos | Lecturer, School of Law, University of Athens, in the field of Law in 1995. |
| Dr. Dimitrios N. Triantafyllou | Legal Service, European Commission, in the field of Law, in 1995. |
| Professor Costas J. Meghir | Department of Economics, University College, London, in the field of Economics, in 1996. |
| Professor Dimitris J. Bertsimas | Sloan School of Management, M.I.T., in the field of Operations Research, in 1997. |
| Professor Takis T. Tridimas | Faculty of Law, University of Southampton, in the field of International Relations and/or European Integration, in 1999. |
| Professor Pinelopi D. Koujianou-Goldberg | Department of Economics, Yale University, in the field of Economic Science, in 2003. |
| Dr. Pavlos Z. Eleftheriadis | University Lecturer, University of Oxford, in the field of Law, in 2005. |
| Professor George-Marios V.-G. Angeletos | Department of Economics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, in the field of Economics, in 2008. |
| Dr. Konstantinos M. Arkolakis | Associate Professor of Economics at Yale University, in the field of Social-Economic Sciences (Economic Science or Political Science), in 2017. |
| Dr. Loukas Ch. Karabarbounis | Associate Professor of Economics at the University of Minnesota, in the field of Social – Economic Sciences (Economic Science or Political Science or Law), in 2019. |
| Dr. Stelios G. Michalopoulos | Associate Professor of Economics at Brown University, in the field of Social – Economic Sciences (Economic Science or Political Science or Law), in 2019. |
| Dr. Myrto Kalouptsi | Assistant Professor of Economics at Harvard University, in the field of Social-Economic Sciences (Economic Science, Political Science, Law), in 2021. |



Dr. Philipp Strack

Professor of Economics at Yale University, in 2023.

Dr. Vicky Fouka

Associate Professor of Political Science at Stanford University, in 2025.

Medicine and Biology:

Dr. George A. Kollias

Head of Molecular Genetics Laboratory, Hellenic Pasteur Institute, in the field of Molecular Biomedicine in 1993.

Professor Dr. Solon S. Thanos

Head of Research Laboratory, Department of Ophthalmology, University of Tuebingen, in the field of Clinical Research in 1994.

Dr. Konstantinos N. Baxevanis

Department of Immunology - Histocompatibility, Greek Anticancer - Oncological Hospital "O AGIOS SAVVAS", in the field of Clinical Research in 1994.

Dr. Lazaros K. Triarhou

Associate Professor Department of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine, University of Indiana, in the field of Neurosciences in 1995.

Dr. Tony T. Kouzarides

Reader in Molecular Cancer Biology, University of Cambridge, in the field of Virology in 1996.

Dr. George D. Yancopoulos

Adjunct Full Professor, Universities of Columbia and New York, in the field of Developmental Biology, in 1997.

Dr. Harry C. Ischiropoulos

Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, Biochemistry and Biophysics, University of Pennsylvania, in the field of Cardiovascular Diseases, in 1997.

Dr. Andy D. Baxevanis

Senior Scientist, National Human Genome Research Institute and Director of Computational Biology, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland, in the field of Bioinformatics in 1999.



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| Dr. Vasso K. Apostolopoulos | Associate Professor, University of Victoria, in the field of Molecular Bio-Medicine, in 2003. |
| Dr. George K. Mossialos | Associate Investigator, Immunology Institute, "ALEXANDER FLEMING" Research Centre, in the field of Molecular Bio-Medicine, in 2003. |
| Dr. Nektarios N. Tavernarakis | Principal Investigator, Institute of Molecular Biology & Biotechnology of Crete, in the field of Neurosciences, in 2005. |
| Dr. George A. Kontopidis | Assistant Professor, Veterinary Department, University of Thessaly, in the field of Targeted Drug Development, in 2008. |
| Dr. Eleni T. Tzavara | Senior Research Scientist at INSERM, Paris, in the field of Targeted Drug Development, in 2008. |
| Professor Emmanouil T. Dermitzakis | Department of Genetic Medicine and Development at the University of Geneva Medical School, in the field of Biosciences (Medicine of Biology), in 2017. |
| Dr. Panagiotis A. Roussos | Assistant Professor, Icahn School of Medicine, Mount Sinai, in the field of Life Sciences (Biomedical Sciences), in 2019. |
| Dr. Christos Kyratsous | Vice President of Research, Infectious Diseases and Viral Vector Technologies at Regeneron Pharmaceuticals Inc., in the field of Life Sciences (Biomedical Sciences), in 2021. |
| Dr. Thales Papagiannakopoulos | Associate Professor in the School of Medicine at New York University, in the field of Life Sciences (Biomedical Sciences), in 2021. |
| Dr. Edward Chouchani | Associate Professor of Cancer Biology, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and Associate |



Professor of Cell Biology at Harvard Medical School, in 2023.

Dr. Stavroula Hatzios

Associate Professor of Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology and of Chemistry at Yale University, in 2025.

PRIVACY NOTICE

This Privacy Notice applies to processing activities carried out towards the selection of the awardees/winners of Bodossaki Foundation Distinguished Young Scientist Awards.

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) acts as a Data Controller for processing activities carried out:

- a) during the submission of the proposals;
- b) towards the evaluation of the proposals submitted;
- c) towards the evaluation of the nominations;
- d) towards selection-announcement of the prizewinners.

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 us at the email address: dpo@bodossaki.gr.

3. Which personal data are processed

Towards selecting the winners of Distinguished Young Scientist Awards, we process personal data as described below:

a. Online proposals

- I. When a proposal for the Bodossaki Distinguished Young Scientist Awards is submitted through the platform “apps.bodossaki.gr”, the following personal data of each candidate are processed:
 - i. full name;
 - ii. professional- academic position;



- iii. contact details (landline phone number, mobile phone number, email address).

The above-described data are provided by each nominator.

- II. Additionally, we process the following data of "nominators" and "referees":
 - i. email address used to create an account in the online platform **(nominators only)**;
 - ii. credentials – online account information **(nominators only)**;
 - iii. full name;
 - iv. professional-academic position and, subsequently, professional/academic relationship with the proposed candidate;
 - v. address **(nominators only)**;
 - vi. contact details (phone number, email address).

b. Documents supporting each proposal

Nominators and referees submit letters of nomination and reference letters, respectively. We therefore process the following candidates' personal data:

- i. information on scientific activities and achievements;
- ii. information on publications;
- iii. information on candidates' personality (as provided by the nominators and referees);
- iv. any personal data included in the documents submitted by nominators and referees.

c. Selection – Eligibility review

For eligibility review purposes, we process, further to the above (under (a)), the following candidates' personal data, provided by the candidates themselves:

- i. father's name;
- ii. date of Birth;
- iii. Tax (Registration) Number;
- iv. I.D. or Passport Number;
- v. home Address;
- vi. work Address;
- vii. information on academic career;
- viii. information on professional career;
- ix. other data included in the CV;
- x. details of children through certificates or other suitable documents provided by mothers and individuals who, according to their declaration, have the role of primary parental care provider.



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 Distinguished Young Scientist Awards.

The Legal basis 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 and Referees 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 proposals and relevant documents are deleted six (6) months after the award of the prizes, except for personal data of the prize winners and their nominators and referees which are maintained for a period of twenty (20) years after the award of the prizes.

6. Disclosure and transfer of personal data

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

- a) The Selection Committees, which are composed of specialists in each of the fields of the awards.
- b) The Prize Committee, which is also composed of specialists, who have been awarded same prize in the past.
- c) The Company operating under the name "NimaWorks" (12 Rizariou st., Chalandri, Athens, Greece) providing the online platform.
- d) 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).

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