





HBA-USA Election
Board of Directors 2023-2026

Professional profile (Expertise, degrees, current position, previous positions)

Alexandra Touroutoglou, PhD is an Assistant Professor of Neurology at Harvard Medical School. She is a neuroscientist and leads clinical trials to treat patients with Alzheimer's' disease at Massachusetts General Hospital. She received her PhD from Aristotle University of Thessaloniki in 2010 followed by a post-doctoral fellowship at Harvard Medical School. She joined the faculty of Massachusetts General Hospital and Harvard Medical School in 2014.

<u>Scientific profile</u> (Research interests, publication record, distinctions & awards)

Her research focuses on the development of new treatments for Alzheimer's' disease based on noninvasive brain stimulation. She has been awarded NIH grants (K23 and R21s) to lead clinical trials that use brain network imaging to understand how brain atrophy causes symptoms and how brain stimulation can alleviate them.

She is the author of highly cited articles in the field of brain imaging in aging, is committed to teaching, and has won several awards for her work, including the Anne Klibanksi Visiting Scholar Award from Mass General Hospital in 2023, the Stavros Niarchos/Fulbright Foundation/Institute of International Education fellowship in 2016-2019 and "Woman of the Year" in Greece in 2017.

https://connects.catalyst.harvard.edu/Profiles/display/Person/80016

Priorities regarding activities that the HBA-USA should undertake

- Expand the HBA-USA network in the US to achieve better representation of Greek scientists in the US
- Expand mentoring program to support young Greek bioscientists
- Expand social events to assist networking and creation of collaborations

Time commitment that the candidate can take during his term as a BD member:

Less than 4 hours/month 4-10 hours/month 10-20 hours/month More than 20 hours/month	_X 	
Highest position that the candidate would prefer to hold in the BD (more than one can be selected):		
President Vice-President		

General Secretary	
Treasurer	
Appointed Secretary	
Councilor	
Any of the above	X

Additional comments that the Candidate wants to make:

I would be glad to continue to serve as a Board Member and continue the initiatives we've taken over the past 2 years to facilitate interactions between Greek scientists in Greece and the US. Initiatives I've helped developing include:

- 1) Expansion of HBA-USA with a chapter that covers the Southern region of US, based in Atlanta, GA and Houston
- 2) Organizing virtual seminars on career development (including job talks, interviews with accomplished colleagues, medical residency seminar)
- 3) Collaboration with Greek Medical Schools (including lectures via grand rounds, Hellenic medical diaspora conference)
- 4) Fundraising for scholarships for students and post docs