

The HBA is in the process of putting together a program with the name “**Scientist Teaching Exchange Program**’ (STEP). The goal of STEP is to facilitate the transfer of scientists from US Universities to Universities and Institutions in Greece and Cyprus, where they can offer a short series of lectures in their area of expertise. The course can be either at the undergraduate or postgraduate level. The ultimate goal of STEP is a) to transfer cutting edge knowledge and expertise to young Greek scientists, b) to facilitate the exchange of scientific ideas between Greek scientists working in Greece, Cyprus and the US and c) to facilitate the establishment of long-term scientific collaborations between labs in the host Universities and the US.

The procedural layout of STEP is described in brief below. Participating scientists must have published at least 35 original, peer-reviewed scientific papers. The HBA will determine the eligibility of each application package and send those deemed eligible to interested Greek and Cypriot Universities and Institutions. It is the host Universities and Institutions that will finally decide which of the applying scientists they wish to invite. The details of the course(s) to be taught are determined by the visiting scientist and the host Institution.