

Olivia Tournay Flatto, PhD

Olivia Tournay Flatto, PhD is the President of The Pershing Square Foundation and has been a member of the Advisory Board since 2009. She leads the Foundation's efforts to deliver social impact by promoting exceptional leaders and innovative ideas in the areas of health and medicine, economic development, social justice, education, and the arts. Dr. Tournay Flatto manages a staff of five professionals and an annual budget of \$40 million, supporting over 160 projects and researchers in US and abroad. Since 2013, when Dr. Tournay Flatto co-founded The Pershing Square Sohn Cancer Research Alliance (PSSCRA), she has led the allocation of an additional \$25 million in grants and prizes. The Alliance is dedicated to enabling the pursuit of innovative cancer research and accelerating cures for cancer by facilitating partnerships between the science and business communities. Additionally, in 2023, Dr. Tournay Flatto co-founded and launched the Maximizing Innovation in Neuroscience Discovery (MIND) Prize. The Prize has funded cutting-edge research that revolutionizes our ability to predict, prevent and treat neurodegenerative diseases.

Dr. Tournay Flatto earned a PhD in Molecular Biology and Genetics from the University of Pennsylvania in 1995. She started her research at the Wistar Institute in Philadelphia, PA in the laboratory of Dr. Frank Rauscher, and completed her research at the Sloan-Kettering Institute in New York City where she worked in Dr. Robert Benezra's laboratory on the *Id* gene and its role in the molecular mechanism of mammalian cell differentiation.

A native of France, Dr. Tournay Flatto moved to the United States in 1987 after earning her Master's degree from the Universite de Montpellier in Parasitology and Microbiology. From 1995 to 2005, Dr. Tournay Flatto was the President of The Emerald Foundation, a private medical research foundation in New York City. The Emerald Foundation supported basic cancer and kidney disease research. As its President, Dr. Tournay Flatto managed all grant activities including the identification of over 50 young scientific investigators at the beginning of their careers who required vital seed funding to launch their projects. The Foundation disbursed over \$7 million in grants during the tenure of Dr. Tournay Flatto. From 2005 to 2010, Dr. Tournay Flatto was Director of External Affairs at the New York Stem Cell Foundation (NYSCF). There she furthered NYSCF's mission of accelerating cures for major diseases through stem cell research.

Dr. Tournay Flatto is the Chairman of the Board of the American Friends of the Paris Opera and Ballet, a not-for-profit organization that fosters artistic cooperation and partnership between the Paris Opera and Ballet and American cultural institutions. She also serves as a member of the Board of the Paris Opera and Ballet and of the New Leaders Group at the Institute of International Education.

Dr. Tournay Flatto is also a founding member of the *Women & Science* initiative at The Rockefeller University. She served on the board of the Public Good Projects, a foundation that is partnering with the Institute of Medicine (IOM) to launch A Healthy America marketing campaign to "bend the curve" on chronic disease in this country. Previously, Dr. Tournay Flatto also has served as a member of the Boards of The New York City Opera, the French Institute/Alliance Francaise, the American Friends of the University of St Andrews in Scotland, and was a member of the Trustees Council for Women at The University of Pennsylvania.

In 2008, Dr. Tournay Flatto was awarded by the President of France the title of "*Chevalier de l'Ordre National du M rite*". This title is awarded in recognition of distinguished civil and military achievements. In 2013, she was awarded by the Minister of Culture of France the title of "*Chevalier de l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres*", honoring individuals who have significantly contributed to the enrichment of the French culture inheritance. And in 2020, she was awarded by the President of France the title of "*Chevalier de Legion d'honneur*", the highest French order of merit.