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Dr. Sola Aoun Bahous was appointed Dean of the Gilbert and Rose-Marie Chagoury School of Medicine at the Lebanese American University (LAU) on April 1, 2022. An accomplished clinician, educator, and academic leader, she brings extensive expertise in hypertension management and research, along with a distinguished record of service in medical education and institutional development.

Dr. Aoun Bahous earned her MD degree from the Lebanese University, where she also completed specialty diplomas in Internal Medicine and Nephrology. She holds a PhD in Cardiovascular Pharmacology from Pierre and Marie Curie University (Paris VI), France, and a Master's degree in Health Professions Education from the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Medicine, further enhancing her expertise in accreditation, curriculum development, and strategic planning. Her academic career began in

2001 at the University of Balamand Faculty of Medicine, where she served as Director of the Pharmacology Course, and then as Coordinator of Medical Education.

Since joining the Lebanese American University School of Medicine in 2008, Dr. Aoun Bahous has been instrumental in shaping its academic and clinical foundations. She established the Nephrology and Pharmacology curricula along with a team of educators, and later served as Assistant Dean for Clinical Affairs, during which she launched the MD Program's clinical years (Med III and IV). She was promoted to Associate Professor with Tenure in 2011 and to Full Professor with Tenure in 2018. As Associate Dean for Medical Education, she oversaw the entire undergraduate medical program, leading several curriculum innovations and accreditation initiatives. She subsequently served as Interim Dean from October 2020 to March 2022 before being appointed Dean of the School in April 2022. Dr. Aoun Bahous's research focuses on hemodynamics and hypertension, with significant contributions to understanding blood pressure regulation, optimizing therapeutic strategies, and improving patient care. She has delivered numerous lectures worldwide, authored multiple peer-reviewed publications and book chapters, and is widely recognized for her expertise in hypertension education and advocacy. In addition to her research in hypertension and cardiovascular pharmacology, Dr. Aoun Bahous has contributed significantly to scholarship in medical education and leadership, with work focusing on curricular innovation, assessment, and the evolving competencies of future healthcare professionals. Beyond her academic and clinical leadership, Dr. Aoun Bahous is actively engaged in the global medical community. She serves as Deputy Chair of the International Society of Nephrology Education Working Group. In addition to her research in hypertension and cardiovascular pharmacology, Dr. Aoun Bahous has contributed significantly to scholarship in medical leadership, with work focusing on curricular innovation, assessment, and the evolving competencies of future medical professionals, and as a member of the International Advisory Committee on Artificial Intelligence—a collaboration between the AAMC, AAHCI, AMEE, and IAMSE. Her dedication to advancing hypertension research, patient care, and medical education continues to shape the next generation of healthcare professionals.