

# 2020 Call for New Members

The 2020 call for new members to join the Global Young Academy in 2020 is now open. Applications are sought from young, independent scholars who combine the highest level of research excellence with a demonstrated passion for delivering impact.

## The Global Young Academy:

Founded in 2010, the Global Young Academy (GYA) is an international organisation of early- to mid-career researchers. The mission of the GYA is to give a voice to young scientists around the world. The GYA has 200 members and 258 alumni from 85 countries on six continents. Members are selected for five-year terms based on a proven track record for outstanding contributions to science and their commitment to applying science for the benefit of society. We strive for the highest quality and impact in our activities. For more information on the Global Young Academy or its programmes, please visit [www.globalyoungacademy.net](http://www.globalyoungacademy.net).

The GYA is a global organization that places a high value on its diversity. We encourage applications from all qualified candidates. All applicants receive consideration and will not be discriminated against with regard to race, colour, ethnicity, religion, creed, sex, marital status, ancestry, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, physical or mental disabilities, or other factors. Applications from women, minority groups, researchers in the social sciences, arts and humanities, and scholars working in government, industry, and non-governmental sectors are particularly welcome.



*"The GYA is an ever-growing family of bright young minds where disciplines, nationalities, cultures and ideas mingle and long-lasting bonds of fellowship are established. It is a tapestry with a niche for each one, but emerging as a beautiful whole."*

*Anindita Bhadra, India,  
Animal Behaviour*

**Research fields:** The call is open to all scholars working in any research-based discipline, including the sciences, medicine, engineering, social sciences, the arts and humanities.

**Excellence:** Applicants must be able to demonstrate a high level of excellence in their discipline, ascertained by a proven track record and expected future achievements. Moreover, applicants must demonstrate a clear commitment to making a difference in society. PhD or equivalent is a requirement for applicants.



*"Joining GYA was the most liberating thing that happened in my career, as now I can freely exchange ideas with most talented and enthusiastic scholars from all over the world active in all kinds of scientific areas."*

*Alexander Kagansky, Russia,  
Molecular Biology*

**Impact:** The Global Young Academy is committed to a broad range of programmes around the world to support young scholars, promote science to a broad audience, engage in policy debate, and foster international and interdisciplinary collaboration. Applicants should provide evidence of interest or experience in one or more of these areas.

**Age/career point:** Applicants should be in the early to middle years of their independent careers. The majority of the GYA members are aged 30-40 and the typical period from completion of a PhD or similar degree is 3-10 years. Applicants falling outside these ranges are still invited to send their applications with a justification for why they should be considered.

**Expectations:** Each GYA member is expected to attend the GYA Annual General Meeting each year and is also expected to actively contribute to one or more of the organisation's programmes, which include participation in policy development, promotion of National Young Academies, supporting science outreach and education at the national and international levels, and the young scientist ambassador programme. The GYA is an active organisation, and being a member requires a time commitment on each member's part. In the event that applicants are selected as new GYA members, they should be available to attend the next Annual General Meeting, which is scheduled for **8 – 12 June 2020 in India**.



*"The GYA is a hub for ideas to incubate and actions to take shape thanks to the friendly and inspiring environment created by a group of young scientists willing to contribute to the creations of a better world."*

*Clarissa Rios Rojas, Netherlands,  
Molecular Biology / Policy Making*

Applications should be completed personally by the candidate and must be accompanied by a letter of support. Application documents and instructions can be found at <https://globalyoungacademy.net/call-for-new-members/>. As the Annual General Meeting will be conducted in English, applications should be submitted in English. **The closing date for the receipt of applications is 22h:00 UTC, Saturday 15 September 2019. No late entries will be accepted.**