### Short essays

The Global Young Academy is an organisation of active members who work together to address topics of global importance. Our members are therefore expected to actively contribute to the organisation's projects and activities, and to lead international, interdisciplinary, and intergenerational dialogue with the goal to make global decision-making evidence-based and inclusive.

*Please answer each of the following questions in your own words. Illustrate your answers with specific examples where possible. Please do not just repeat a list of the current activities of the Global Young Academy.*

1. **Why do you want to join the Global Young Academy?** Please write no more than 1.500 characters.

2. **The GYA selects excellent independent researchers. How would you describe your “independence” as a researcher?** Please write no more than 1.500 characters.

3. **What contributions have you made to advance the status of the sciences/research and/or young researchers and scholars?**

   Describe any impact your research and related activities have had on society. For example, this might include communicating and translating science to the general public, informing policy development, or working for a national science organisation or research foundation. Please write no more than 1.500 characters.

4. **Describe your personal vision for improving the state of the sciences/research and the situation of young scientists/scholars worldwide.** Please write no more than 1.500 characters.

5. **Describe any obstacles you had to overcome during your life or career, how you overcame them, and what variety of skills you have acquired along the way that you think would be of benefit to the GYA.** Please write no more than 1.500 characters.
6. Describe any experience that you have in interdisciplinary or international research. Examples might include working with scholars from other disciplines, taking part in international collaborations or working with other sectors (e.g. industry or government). Please write no more than 1,500 characters.

7. Describe if you have been a member of any societies (e.g. professional, societal engagement, etc). Give details of these societies including any leadership role, your contribution to activities, and the impact on society. Please write no more than 1,200 characters.

8. Please list your 3 top international publications or equivalent (books, patents, etc). Please explain what was your role in this work (e.g. 1st author, last author, or corresponding author), and why you think these are your key publications or achievements. Also explain what is their impact and added value to science, society or your own field of research. Please explain in maximum 80 words.

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Link to your complete publication list (if applicable):

9. Describe how you would contribute to the Global Young Academy, either by contributing to one or more of its existing projects or by briefly describing your idea for a new project.

Details of our projects and working group activities can be found at www.globalyoungacademy.net

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