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## 5 good reasons to apply for the Global Young Academy (GYA)

1. **You want to make an impact in the world and engage, outside the walls of the lab, academia or industry.** We are in a particular historical moment where young people, especially young scientists, need to engage to create new and innovative solutions to the world's environmental and social problems.
2. **You want to be continuously inspired.** The GYA is full of amazing people from widely varying backgrounds, who have been called “the leaders of tomorrow”. The connections you will make and the learning opportunities are immense – if you put the energy in, you will benefit greatly.
3. **You love to interact with and learn from people from different cultures, disciplines, and backgrounds.** The GYA is for you! Diversity is one of the main attractions of the GYA, you will learn so much from people as diverse as the world itself. It will broaden your vision of the world around you. Diversity of views can be challenging, allows for more creativity, innovation and novel solutions to world challenges.
4. **You think the conditions and opportunities of young researchers can be improved and you want to make your voice heard.** There are similar challenges for many young researchers around the world. Working together in the GYA allows us to create and innovate the ways we can represent young researchers in many different areas. There are also specific issues that affect less well-represented regions that need to be known, so every voice counts. We want to hear your suggestions for better solutions.
5. **You want a global network and to represent the voice of young researchers to influential global bodies** like the United Nations and the Inter-Academies Partnership. Our GYA activities range from fundamental research collaborations through to policy advice.

### **About the Global Young Academy**

The Global Young Academy (GYA) was founded in 2010 with the vision to give a voice to early- to mid-career researchers around the world. The GYA empowers them to lead international, interdisciplinary, and intergenerational dialogue by developing and mobilising talent from six continents. Its purpose is to promote reason and inclusiveness in global decision-making. Members are chosen for their demonstrated excellence in scientific achievement and commitment to service. Currently, there are 200 members and 298 alumni from 86 countries. The academy is hosted at the German National Academy of Sciences Leopoldina. The GYA received its seed funding from the Volkswagen Foundation, and since 2014, it has been funded by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) and supported by the InterAcademy Partnership (IAP). The GYA also benefits from project-specific funding from a variety of donors and partners.