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Instructions for referees of applicants to the Global Young Academy

The Global Young Academy seeks to identify and appoint to its membership the world's leading researchers in basic and applied science, engineering, social sciences, arts and the humanities who are committed to contributing to the betterment of society through scientific engagement. Candidates may work in academia, government or private industry. The total membership of the GYA is limited to 200; thus, successful applicants must be amongst the leading young researchers at the national level with demonstrated contributions towards society.

In addition to their demonstrated research excellence, candidates should also be able to show an ongoing commitment to service or delivering benefit from their work.

Successful applicants are expected to demonstrate a career significantly in advance of their peers of similar age, as evidenced by a combination of the following:

- Academic research excellence (e.g., publication record of excellence; early appointment to a professorship or other senior tenured position; successful leadership and completion of major research projects; heading a research laboratory or group, etc.).
- Industry achievements or excellence outside of academia (e.g., patents; impactful research outcomes; appointment or election to senior roles in national or international academic organizations or professional societies; starting a successful company to develop and commercialize research etc.).
- Receiving major national or international awards
- Service on national committees (government, national academy or similar)
- Appointment to a national academy; involvement in establishing a national young academy, or appointment or election to a senior role in an existing national young academy
- Demonstrated impact of research

Please include the following information in your letter of support:

- A brief description of your current professional position and qualifications;
- Details of how long and in what capacity you have known the applicant;
- An explanation of why you believe that the applicant should be considered one of the top-ranked young researchers at the national level, as evidenced by the criteria listed above, or similar achievements;
- Your opinion on the commitment demonstrated by the applicant to the delivery of impact from their research, which might include economic, social, environmental or other benefits;
- Your opinion on how the applicant could both contribute towards and benefit from the activities of the Global Young Academy.

All information supplied will be treated in confidence and used only for the purpose of judging applications to join the Global Young Academy.

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. Due to our current membership statistics, 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.