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

1. **You want to make an impact in the world and engage academia or industry outside the walls of the lab.** 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 make and the learning opportunities that go along with it are immense. If you put the time and energy in, you will benefit greatly!
3. **You love to interact with and learn from people from different cultures, disciplines, and backgrounds.** 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 the world's challenges.
4. **You think the conditions and opportunities of young researchers can be improved and you want to make your voice heard.** Young researchers around the world face similar challenges. 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 vision of the GYA is *science for all; science for the future*, and its mission is to give a voice to young scientists and researchers around the world. The GYA, founded in 2010, is an independent science academy of 200 outstanding early- to mid-career researchers from six continents who are selected from across disciplines based on their academic excellence and commitment to engage with society. GYA members serve five-year terms, and the GYA presently counts members and alumni from 94 countries. The GYA administrative Office is publicly funded and hosted at the German National Academy of Sciences Leopoldina. The wide array of GYA activities are supported by a range of international public and private funders.