



Statement

GYA members call for an end to Russia's war in Ukraine and aim to uphold academic cooperation

We are deeply distressed by Russia's military attacks on Ukraine. We stand together opposed to the acts of war perpetrated by the Russian government against the people of Ukraine, their sovereignty and their democratic systems. We are particularly concerned for those scholars and scientists in Ukraine who are currently endangered.

We would like to express our support to Russian colleagues who are against the war, especially those taking great personal risks to speak out against it. Conducting our scientific work is only possible through cooperation with our colleagues from across the globe, building on a mutual commitment to and belief in universal human rights, dignity and equality. We must not let war divide us and so we stand committed to advocating for continued cooperation with and between the Ukrainian and Russian scholars.

We call on all universities, institutes, and academic institutions around the world to open their doors to students, researchers, and academics from Ukraine, and to uphold scientific collaborations with Russian scholars. We support science diplomacy for the global endeavours of science and scholarship, and in support of individuals pursuing research, often already under restricted conditions.

Let's collaborate even more than before to show that there is a different, better way. Research and Art are a paradigm of fruitful cooperation valuing diversity. It is the treasure we hold and it could become an example of hope for a common better future for all.

We also advocate for international students and scholars leaving zones of conflict in Ukraine. All refugees of war, independent of their passport and race, should receive protection, support and offers of humanitarian assistance.

Further reading:

- Find links to opportunities and fellowships for (early-career) researchers from the Ukraine in the "Resources" section of the GYA's At-Risk Scholars Initiative website: [At-Risk Scholars Initiative – Global Young Academy](#).
- [International Science Council Statement on Ukraine](#).
- [InterAcademy Partnership Statement on Ukraine](#).