



GYA milestones

- 2010** – Established as an independent academy by early-career researchers to provide a voice to young scientists.
- 2011** – Held first Annual General Meeting (Germany).
- 2012** – Co-organized first worldwide meeting of Young Academies (The Netherlands).
- 2014** – Published first “Global State of Young Scientists” study publications, followed by world region studies.
- 2015** – First Africa Science Leadership Programme launched by GYA members.
- 2017** – Hosted by the German National Academy of Sciences Leopoldina in Halle, Germany.
- 2019** – Became member of the InterAcademy Partnership.
- 2020** – Became member of the International Science Council.
- 2020** – Co-created the Young Academies Science Advice Structure (YASAS) in Europe.
- 2021** – Achieved gender parity with the new member cohort.
- 2024** – Invited to join Scientific Advisory Board of the United Nations Secretary General member networks.

Partial list of global and regional partners

- InterAcademy Partnership
- International Science Council
- World Science Forum
- International Network for Government Science Advice
- The Network of African Science Academies
- European Academies’ Science Advisory Council
- ALLEA - All European Academies
- Joint Research Centre, European Commission

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The Global Young Academy gives a voice to young scientists around the world



Who are we?

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. Founded in 2010, the GYA 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. The vibrancy of the GYA results from the energy of its members, who are passionate about the role of science in helping the world be a better place.

What do we do?

By developing, connecting, and mobilising young, talented scientists and scholars from six continents, the GYA empowers young researchers to lead international, interdisciplinary, and inter-generational dialogue with the goal of making global decision-making both evidence-based and inclusive. We work together on projects ranging from

fundamental research that crosses discipline boundaries through to high-level policy interactions.

How do we do it?

Activities groups

GYA members form Working Groups and Incubators to address the topics that motivate and inspire them. Outputs include publications such as GYA Reports and Statements, as well as videos and publications in academic journals and books. Our activities groups address topics such as how to measure scientific excellence and reform research assessment, global health, open science, women in science, and science education and outreach.

Scientific Excellence

The Scientific Excellence group collaborates with several partners to drive change in the perception and measurement of scientific excellence. These efforts have led to significant results that are impacting policy on a local, regional as well as global level. Collaborations include the Coalition

for Advancing Research Assessment (CoARA), signing the Declaration on Research Assessment (DORA), and publishing two GYA/InterAcademy Partnership/International Science Council reports on the theme.

Science Leadership

The GYA aims to equip young scientists with skills to lead in science and society. Together with partners, we promote collaborative and reflective styles of leadership. The Africa Science Leadership Programme, founded by GYA alumni, celebrated 10 years in 2024, and has inspired similar programmes in ASEAN states, Latin America and the Caribbean, and in annual GYA-organized workshops.

At-Risk Scholars Initiative

The GYA's At-Risk Scholars Initiative is developed and led by GYA members in collaboration with a number of partners. The Initiative contributes to at-risk scholar re-integration into a scholarly work environment through a mentorship programme and regular workshops. Since 2018, 35 mutually beneficial mentoring relationships between members of the GYA initiative and at-risk scholars have been established. An annual professional skills workshop for UK-based at-risk scholars is held in partnership with Wolfson College at the University of Oxford.

The world's Young Academies

When the GYA was founded in 2010, only five national young science academies existed. Since then, this informal network of Young Academies has grown to almost 60 the world over. Many were established with support from the GYA and our members. The GYA acts as a network facilitator and co-convenor for joint meetings or projects.



New GYA Members 2024 in Washington, D.C., United States