

2026 Call for New Members



The call for new members to join the Global Young Academy in 2026 is now open. Applications are sought from young, independent scholars who combine the highest level of research excellence with a demonstrated passion for delivering impact.

The Global Young Academy

Founded in 2010, the Global Young Academy (GYA) is an organisation of 200 diverse researchers across disciplines who are selected for five-year terms based on their scientific excellence and their commitment to using their research to make the world a better place. It presently has members and alumni from around 100 countries, who are passionate about the role of science in creating a better world. We strive for the highest quality and impact in our activities. For more information on the GYA or its programmes, please visit www.globalyoungacademy.net.

Research fields: The call is open to all scholars working in any research-based discipline, including the natural, physical and social sciences, as well as the arts and humanities. Applicants working in government, industry, and non-governmental sectors are also welcome.

Excellence: Applicants must be able to demonstrate a high level of excellence in their discipline, ascertained by a proven track record and expected future achievements. Moreover, applicants must demonstrate a clear commitment to making a difference in society. A PhD or an equivalent degree is a requirement for applicants.

Impact: The Global Young Academy is committed to a broad range of programmes around the world to support young scholars, promote science to a broad audience, engage in policy debate, and foster international and interdisciplinary collaboration. Applicants should provide evidence of interest or experience in one or more of these areas.

Age/career point: Applicants should be in the early to middle years of their independent careers. Applicants born in or after 1985 and holding a PhD are eligible without any restrictions. Applicants born before 1985 must have obtained their PhD in 2018 or later. Applicants born before 1985 with a PhD obtained before 2018 must submit a detailed justification of why they should be considered.

Expectations: Each GYA member is encouraged to attend the GYA Annual General Meeting each year. As a member-led organisation, the GYA relies on its members' contributions. You are thus **expected to actively contribute a minimum of 4 hour per month** to one or more of the organisation's programmes (projects and committees), which may include participation in science-for-policy or policy-for-science activities, supporting science outreach and education at national or international levels, engaging in science diplomacy, or collaborating with the world's young academies and further GYA partners. In the event that applicants are selected as new GYA members, they should be available to attend the next **Annual General Meeting**, which is scheduled for **28 June – 3 July 2026** in Bremen, Germany.

Applications should be completed personally by the candidate and must be accompanied by a letter of support. Application documents and instructions can be found at <https://globalyoungacademy.net/call-for-new-members/>. As the Annual General Meeting will be conducted in English, applications need to be submitted in English.

The closing date for the receipt of applications is 15 September 2025 at 18:00 UTC.

No late entries will be accepted



New GYA Member 2025 in Hyderabad, India