



The Arab-German Young Academy of Sciences and Humanities

Call for Membership Applications

The Arab-German Young Academy of Sciences and Humanities (AGYA) at the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities is inviting early-career researchers to submit applications for membership.

The AGYA aims to advance the academic exchange of outstanding young researchers from Germany and the Arab countries (Algeria, Bahrain, Comoros, Djibouti, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, Oman, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, Yemen). The AGYA supports joint innovative projects in various fields of research, science policy and education. The current 50 AGYA members were elected in the years 2013, 2014, and 2015. Together they have developed and implemented interdisciplinary projects and collaborative initiatives. This call is for new members to be selected in 2016.

Eligibility:

- Early-career researchers from any field in Natural Sciences, Humanities, Social Sciences, Technical Sciences, Life Sciences, and Arts.
- Prospective candidates must have received their Ph.D. no longer than 3 to 10 years ago at the time of application.
- Applicants must be affiliated with a university or a research institution in any Arab country or in Germany.
- The working language of the AGYA is English. No knowledge of German or Arabic is necessary.

Benefits:

- The AGYA is autonomous with regard to the format and content of its academic activities. It offers its members a unique opportunity to take an active part in the life of the Academy and supports them to implement their own ideas, visions and projects in the framework of Arab-German research cooperation.
- The AGYA provides the funding to implement research projects within its working groups, and tandem projects between German and Arab members. Furthermore, members meet regularly to discuss, develop and implement joint research initiatives. Travel expenses for workshops and conferences are covered for all members.
- Membership in the AGYA is granted for up to 5 years followed by a membership in an Alumni network, depending on evaluation and funding availability.

Requirements:

- Successful candidates are expected to have a proven record of highest research excellence in their field of specialization.
- Candidates with very strong potential for academic leadership will be given priority. Genuine interest in interdisciplinary research in an international environment is essential.
- Membership in the AGYA requires active engagement. As the AGYA is a working academy, successful candidates are expected to be able to dedicate a fair amount of their time to activities and projects of the Academy.
- Elected members will be required to attend the next annual conference of the AGYA to be held in Halle, Germany in the first half of October 2016.

Application:

Interested applicants are invited to submit the following documents:

- Application form to be downloaded here: www.aga.info
- CV including the list of publications
- Letter of motivation
- Two letters of academic references

The documents should be submitted via e-mail as a single PDF file to: aga@bbaw.de

Deadline: The closing date for the submission of applications is **Sunday, April 3rd, 2016.**