

# **Call for Participation**

# Academic Inspiration & Mentoring Program (AIM) for Sudanese Researchers

organised by

The Arab-German Young Academy of Sciences and Humanities (AGYA)

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We are delighted to announce the launch of the *Academic Inspiration & Mentoring Program for Sudanese Researchers (AIM)* to support young Sudanese researchers (AIM). The program aims to offer support and mentoring to young scientists of Sudan whose careers are affected by the current violent political conflict in Sudan, which left many academic institutions incapable of operating and caused the displacement of a countless number of persons among which many researchers. Throughout a six-week online program, a group of approximately 30 participants will get the chance to attend online academic training and mentoring sessions. The carefully curated program provides insights and coaching for career development and building resilient research careers.

In combination with a series of public online lectures, the mentoring program consists of two phases, connecting Sudanese researchers with the international academic community.

Phase I of the academic training program covers essential topics with week-long lectures designed to enhance researchers' capabilities and success. They include strategic approaches to research planning during crises, emphasising adaptability and foresight. Participants will also learn the importance of effectively communicating scientific findings to diverse audiences. The program fosters skills in academic networking and collaboration, vital for professional growth and innovation. Additionally, it introduces valuable e-resources to support academic endeavours, alongside practical tips for securing scholarships and grants. Finally, the program explores the know-how essential to becoming a successful scholar.

Phase II of the academic training program offers participants the chance to delve deeper into a topic of their choice through focus group sessions, each including approximately 5 participants together with an assigned mentor. These topics include advanced research planning strategies, comprehensive data analysis techniques, effective science communication methods, and career development opportunities. This phase allows for indepth exploration and personalised learning to further enhance participants' expertise and professional growth in the area of their choice.

By facilitating direct interactions and engaging discussions, the Academic Inspiration & Mentoring Program (AIM) will foster an intellectually stimulating environment, encouraging the exchange of ideas and the exploration of innovative research paths. Moreover, the program will serve as an exceptional platform for international and interdisciplinary networking. Participants will have the opportunity to connect with professionals from different countries, establishing valuable relationships that may extend well beyond the confines of the project.

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The program takes place exclusively online, to allow participants to attend regardless of their location.

# **Topics:**

#### Phase I

- Research Planning in Time of Crises
- Outreach and Science Communication
- Effective Academic Networking & Collaboration Skills
- E-Resources for Productive Academics
- Scholarships & Grants Applications
- · Career Planning and Growth

#### Phase II

You can choose your preferred focus group

- Research Planning and Proposal Writing
- Data Collection and Analysis
- Science Communication
- Career Planning and Growth

# **Eligibility:**

Sudanese researchers who are currently located in or outside Sudan.

- Graduate and postgraduate students from all disciplines of the technical, life, natural, social sciences and humanities as well as the arts.
- Early career researchers from all disciplines (1-5 years post PhD)

Join us as we embark on this journey towards resilience in research and successful career paths!

### **Application Process & Required Documents**

Interested applicants are invited to submit their application in English by **20 June 2024** to this link: <a href="https://rb.gy/90d5rd">https://rb.gy/90d5rd</a>

Or e-mail us the required documents at participation@agya.info

Please email the following documents as a single PDF file:

- 1. Application Form
- 2. Curriculum vitae (not more than two pages)
- 3. Proof of your work and/or studentship status
- 4. Copy of Bachelor/Master/PhD degree certificates

Confirmation of participation will be sent by 24 June 2024

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# **Important Dates**

20 June 2024: Submission deadline

24 June 2024: Notification of selected applicants

29 June 2024: Launching the program

The program is a project by AGYA members <u>Dr. Ahmed Siddig</u>, University of Khartoum, Sudan & Harvard University, USA, and <u>Dr. Kristin Kliemt</u>, Goethe-Universität Frankfurt, Germany.

The mentoring program is co-organized and delivered by a group of enthusiastic Sudanese scientists with outstanding research and mentoring experiences at excellent universities and research institutions around the world.

Dr. Altayeb Abdellatif, National Centre for Research, Sudan

**Dr. Mai Mamoon**, Agriculture Research Corporation, Sudan

Dr. Tayseer Alhady Omer, University of Khartoum, Sudan

Dr. Ali Omer, University of Vienna, Austria & University of Khartoum, Sudan

Mr. Emad Yasin, University of Sopron, Hungary & University of Khartoum, Sudan

# About the Arab-German Young Academy of Sciences and Humanities (AGYA)

The Arab-German Young Academy of Sciences and Humanities (AGYA) is based at the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities (BBAW) and at the Academy of Scientific Research and Technology (ASRT) in Egypt. It was established in 2013 as the first bilateral young academy worldwide. AGYA promotes research cooperation among outstanding early-career researchers (3–10 years post-PhD) from all disciplines who are affiliated with a research institution in Germany or in any Arab country.

The academy effectively supports the interdisciplinary projects and collaborative initiatives of its members in various fields of scientific research, science policy and education. AGYA is funded by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) and various Arab and German cooperation partners.

More information: www.agya.info