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Arab-German Young Academy of Sciences and Humanities Call for Membership Applications

AGYA is looking for new members: Apply to the Arab-German Young Academy of Science and Humanities by 29 March!

The Arab-German Young Academy of Sciences and Humanities (AGYA) invites excellent early-career scholars with an interest in interdisciplinary research cooperation to apply for membership. Application deadline: 29 March 2020

Just under three weeks remain for post-docs (3-10 years after PhD) with a strong research background to apply for membership at the Arab-German Young Academy of Sciences and Humanities (AGYA). Applicants must be affiliated with a university or research institute in one of the 22 Arab countries or Germany.

AGYA brings together excellent early-career scholars from the areas of natural and life sciences, technical sciences, social sciences and humanities to develop and carry out joint interdisciplinary research projects. The Academy offers its members the support and financial means to realize innovative and interdisciplinary projects at the interface of science, society, politics and art. Members actively shape the internal life of the Academy, free to advance their own ideas and approaches within the framework of Arab-German research cooperation. Academy membership promotes researchers on their current career paths, while offering them unparalleled opportunities to expand their international networks and boost their interdisciplinary research portfolios. 'AGYA offers the unique opportunity to carry out joint Arab-German research on cross-cutting topics. Where else do Arab and German philosophers, physicians, architects and computer scientists develop and implement projects together?', notes AGYA Principal Investigator Prof. Dr. Verena Lepper, curator of the Egyptian and Oriental Papyri Collection at the State Museum in Berlin. In addition to joint projects, since January 2020, AGYA members also have the option to spend several months conducting research at an academic host institution in an Arab country or Germany, funded by AGYA's designated Research Mobility Programme. Twice a year, all Academy members gather for AGYA Annual Conferences, once in Germany and once in an Arab country, with locations rotating annually. Beyond hosting core member activities like General Assemblies and Working Group meetings, these roving Annual Conferences also introduce members to different actors, institutions and locations in the host country's academic, political and cultural landscapes.

Apply now - Who and how?

Applications are open to excellent and committed early-career researchers (3-10 years after PhD):

- from the natural and life sciences, technical sciences, social sciences and humanities, with a proven record of research excellence in their field of specialization;
- with an affiliation to a university or research institute in Germany or one of the 22 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 and Yemen;
- who possess a full command of English, the working language of AGYA. No knowledge of German or Arabic is necessary.

Applicants must be able to demonstrate outstanding research results in their field of specialization. We are looking for candidates who have strong academic leadership potential. Membership in the Arab-German Young Academy of Sciences and Humanities (AGYA) requires active engagement and time commitment. AGYA members are elected in a multi-stage selection process for a membership period of five years.

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The application documents can be found under the following link: www.agya.info/cfm2020
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