

Press release

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

Young, outstanding, pioneering: AGYA is calling for new members from all disciplines

*The Arab-German Young Academy of Sciences and Humanities (AGYA) invites excellent scholars who are keen to explore interdisciplinary research to apply for membership. **Application deadline: 11 April 2021***

Bringing together Arab and German scholars across all disciplines

Outstanding early-career scholars (3-10 years post Ph.D.) in all fields of the Natural Sciences, Technical Sciences, Life Sciences, Humanities, Social Sciences, and the Arts are encouraged to apply for membership in the Arab-German Young Academy of Sciences and Humanities. AGYA membership is granted for up to five years, followed by a lifelong membership in an alumni network. Applicants must have an affiliation with a university or research institution in Germany or in any Arab country. Moreover, a proven record of research excellence in their field of specialisation and strong academic leadership potential are required.

The Academy offers its members the support and financial means to realize innovative interdisciplinary projects at the interface of research, science policy, and education. Free to advance their own ideas and approaches within the framework of Arab-German research cooperation, members actively shape the contents and formats of the Academy's activities. AGYA membership promotes researchers on their career paths, while offering them unparalleled opportunities to boost their research portfolios and expand their international networks.

Six interdisciplinary working groups form the core of AGYA's research collaboration: Arab and German Education; Common Heritage and Common Challenges; Energy, Water, and Environment; Health and Society; Transformation; and Innovation. Currently, 60 AGYA members and a growing number of alumni from 19 countries are conducting research projects on topics such as smart or energy-efficient solutions, sustainable agriculture, women's empowerment, the role of humanities, pandemics and society, and protection of cultural heritage. They have also kicked off joint initiatives for the benefit of society, including a STEM lab on wheels visiting schools or an awareness campaign fighting obesity. AGYA pioneers science communication with exhibitions, podcasts or graphic novels, such as the latest release on social robots.

A working academy on- and offline

AGYA is an academy that enables digital research at the highest level. The Academy has successfully established the digital tools and knowledge to deliver innovative and productive online events for small project meetings as well as large conferences with high-ranking guests and speakers. All AGYA members are fully equipped to fulfil their joint activities online while travel is limited. AGYA is always ready to connect beyond borders.

Usually, all Academy members gather for AGYA Annual Conferences, once in Germany and once in an Arab country every year, introducing members to peers, institutions, and locations in the host country's academic, science policy, and cultural landscapes.

'Establishing strong partnerships within an Arab-German network of excellence, AGYA practices science diplomacy at its best. AGYA promotes its members as ambassadors of science and culture', says AGYA Principal Investigator Prof. Dr. Verena Lepper, Curator for Egyptian and Oriental Papyri at the Egyptian Museum and Papyrus Collection in Berlin.

Apply now – Who and how?

Application is open to excellent and committed early-career researchers (3-10 years after Ph.D.):

- from the Natural Sciences, Technical Sciences, Life Sciences, Humanities, Social Sciences, and the Arts 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
- with a full command of English, the working language of AGYA; no knowledge of German or Arabic is necessary

The application documents can be found via the following link: www.agya.info/cfm2021

Learn more about the academy's approach to research that transcends both disciplinary and geographical borders through the eyes of AGYA members and alumni in the podcast 'AGYA calling': <http://agya.info/call-for-membership/podcast-agya-calling/>

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