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Arab-German Young Academy of Sciences and Humanities (AGYA) Call for Membership Applications 2022

Connecting excellence in science: AGYA is calling for new members from all disciplines

*The Arab-German Young Academy of Sciences and Humanities (AGYA) invites outstanding scholars who are keen to explore interdisciplinary research to apply for membership. **Application deadline: 10 April 2022***

Excellent early-career scholars (3–10 years post PhD) 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 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 any Arab country. Moreover, a proven record of research excellence in their field of specialisation and strong academic leadership potential are required. Successful candidates display genuine interest to address common Arab-German challenges and develop sustainable solutions.

The Academy offers its members the support and financial means to realize interdisciplinary projects and joint initiatives at the interface of research, science policy, and capacity building. 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 by travel grants and research stays.

From energy, health, and heritage to technical innovation: AGYA's research aims at social impact

Six interdisciplinary working groups form the core of AGYA's research collaboration: Arab and German Education; Common Heritage and Common Challenges; Dynamics of Transformation, Energy, Water, and Environment; Health and Society; and Innovation. Currently, more than 60 AGYA members and a growing number of alumni/ae from 23 countries are conducting innovative research projects on topics such as sustainable agriculture, women's empowerment, quantum materials, the role of humanities, pandemics and society, protection of cultural heritage, and the internationalization of higher education. They have also kicked off joint initiatives for the benefit of society, including a lab on wheels visiting schools to increase access to education in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) or an awareness campaign to encourage a healthy lifestyle. AGYA pioneers science communication with podcasts, graphic novels, exhibitions, and in 2022, with the interactive station 'AGYA Picks up the Pace' presenting a synchrotron model on board of the German science ship MS Wissenschaft.

Practicing science diplomacy at its best: AGYA establishes sustainable collaborations

AGYA fosters interdisciplinary research across borders creating spaces of interactions between researchers, policymakers, and other stakeholders. 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. Research cooperation cultivates long-lasting relationships building an academic civil society.

'AGYA was founded in 2013 as the first bilateral young academy worldwide. The academy's members and its alumni/alumnae are involved in building a community of trust that creates interregional competence networks to inspire a new kind of research practice on equal terms.', says AGYA Principal Investigator Prof. Dr. Verena Lepper.

Apply now – Who and how?

Application is open to excellent and committed early-career researchers (3–10 years after PhD):

- 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 specialisation
- 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, both spoken and written

The application documents can be found via the following link: <https://agya.info/about-us/cfm2022>

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Learn more about the Academy's approach to research that transcends both disciplinary and geographical borders: <https://agya.info/>

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