

## Membership

The members must have received their Ph.D. no longer than 3 to 10 years ago at the time of application and must be affiliated with a university or a research institution in Germany or in an Arab country. Membership in the AGYA is granted for up to five years followed by the membership in a life-long alumni network, depending on evaluation and funding availability. The working language of the AGYA is English. No knowledge of German or Arabic is necessary.

## Selection Criteria

The successful candidates demonstrate a proven record of highest research excellence in their field of specialization. Genuine interest in interdisciplinary research in an international environment is also essential. Candidates with very strong potential for academic leadership are given priority.

## Selection of Current Members

Following the public Calls for Membership in 2013 and 2014 more than 600 scholars from 22 different countries and from various fields in Natural Sciences, Live Sciences, Humanities, Social Sciences, Technical Sciences, and Arts submitted their applications to the AGYA. The Advisory Board of the AGYA selected 50 applicants as members, including four founding members as the Steering Committee. The members of the AGYA are currently working on the topics: Arab and German Education, Common Heritage and Common Challenges, Energy, Water & Environment, Innovation, and Transformation Processes.

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The Arab-German Young Academy of Sciences and Humanities (AGYA) at the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities (BBAW) in Germany and the Arabian Gulf University (AGU) in Bahrain has been established in 2013 as the first bilateral young academy worldwide. The AGYA is currently funded by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF), Qatar Foundation and Misr El Kheir Foundation in Egypt.

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

The AGYA aims to establish a community of 25 Arab and 25 German outstanding researchers, who are at an early stage in their academic careers.

The potential members of the AGYA are distinguished early career researchers from Germany and 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 goal of the AGYA is the effective strengthening of international cooperation between excellent Arab and German young researchers. In the light of the present global challenges this mission is more relevant than ever. Arab and German researchers must intensify their contacts and establish new forms of cooperation.

## Interdisciplinarity is our natural platform

The AGYA supports innovative collaborative projects and cooperative initiatives from different areas of scientific research, science policy and education.

The concept of the AGYA is to maintain the practical application of interdisciplinarity. Members of the AGYA meet regularly: Travel expenses for workshops and conferences are covered for all members.

The AGYA offers its members a unique opportunity to develop and implement their ideas, visions and projects in the framework of Arab-German research cooperation. Moreover, the AGYA fosters the intercultural experiences of its members and promotes them as ambassadors of science and culture.

## Organization of the AGYA

The AGYA is independent in respect to the content and forms of its academic activities. The activities of the AGYA are carried out by its members including the Steering Committee consisting of two Arab and two German members. The academy is supervised by the Advisory Board consisting of five Arab and five German representatives of internationally renowned academic institutions:

- the Qatar Foundation (Co-Chair)
- the Alexander von Humboldt-Foundation, Morocco
- the Arabian Gulf University, Bahrain
- the Egyptian Academy of Sciences
- the Lebanese Academy of Sciences
  
- the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities (Co-Chair)
- the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)
- the German National Academy Leopoldina
- the Goethe Institute
- the Prussian Cultural Heritage Foundation (SPK)

The administration of the AGYA is provided by two offices: the German contact office is located in Berlin at the BBAW, and it is led by a German Managing Director. The Arab contact office is located at the Arabian Gulf University in Manama, Bahrain, and it is led by an Arab Managing Director.

# THE MAIN GOALS OF THE AGYA

Innovative and interdisciplinary collaborative research projects

Transnational and transdisciplinary initiatives on questions of science policy, academic management and education

Promoting active engagement of early career researchers in academia and the public

Initiation of projects on the boundary between academia and society