South African Young Academy of Science (SAYAS) | Nominations for 2018 SAYAS Members

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION DEADLINE

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BACKGROUND

The South African Young Academy of Science (SAYAS), which was launched in 2011, is the voice of young scientists in South Africa. The Minister of Science and Technology, Mr Derek Hanekom, inaugurated twenty leading young scientists as Founder Members of SAYAS at the launch. Subsequently, 10 additional members are elected into the Academy annually. SAYAS was borne out of the need for young scientists to contribute towards solutions to national and global challenges facing society; provide a platform for young scientists to influence policy decisions; contribute towards the development of scientific capacity in South Africa through mentoring and role-modelling of future scientists; and foster opportunities for interdisciplinary collaborations amongst young scientists. SAYAS has a very close relationship with the Academy of Science of South Africa and the Department of Science and Technology.

SAYAS seeks to elect the country’s leading emerging researchers in basic and applied science, engineering, social sciences, arts and the humanities. In addition to their demonstrated research excellence, candidates should also be able to show an ongoing commitment to improving South African science through engagement in community development, capacity building and mentoring activities. This process is conducted annually.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

SAYAS calls for nomination of young scientists into the academy on an annual basis. To qualify for nomination, a candidate should meet the following criteria:

- Possession of a Doctoral degree in any field of scientific enquiry, where science is defined broadly as encompassing natural sciences, social sciences and humanities, medical sciences and engineering
- Evidence of scientific excellence through an established publications record, and receipt of honours and awards;
- Evidence of activities demonstrating service to society;
- Willingness to volunteer their time and effort to SAYAS activities.
- Typically under the age of 40 years and within 7 years from receipt of Doctoral degree at the time of nomination. Nomination of candidates who deviate from this expected profile requires additional motivation.

Anyone can nominate an emerging young scientist for SAYAS membership.

HOW TO APPLY

Please consult the following documents/pages to nominate a candidate to become a member of SAYAS:

- SAYAS Call for New Member Nominations Letter 2018 – Access Letter here
- SAYAS New Member Nomination Form 2018 – Access Form here
- SAYAS - Background Information

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