**APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE**

**RSE YOUNG ACADEMY OF SCOTLAND**

*This Form is for use by refugee / at-risk applicants only*

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[**recruitment@youngacademyofscotland.org.uk**](mailto:recruitment@youngacademyofscotland.org.uk)

Applications are now being accepted on a rolling basis.

**Applications should be submitted as a Microsoft Word document.**

More information about the RSE Young Academy of Scotland is available at <http://www.youngacademyofscotland.org.uk/> Please feel free to contact Marie Montondo ([info@youngacademyofscotland.org.uk](mailto:info@youngacademyofscotland.org.uk)) with any questions.

The information provided here will be treated as confidential and your personal information will be protected and seen only by the selection panel and RSE / Young Academy administrators.

**About the Young Academy of Scotland (YAS)**

The RSE Young Academy of Scotland (YAS) brings together young professionals from all sectors to work together on projects that benefit Scotland and the world. By sharing our expertise and research, we investigate pressing social issues, inform public debate, amplify marginalised voices, and drive transformational change. Established by the Royal Society of Edinburgh (RSE) in 2011, YAS is part of a growing international movement in which national academies are establishing young academies across Europe and beyond.

Our greatest strength is the diversity of our membership: we come from a wide range of backgrounds and represent communities from all over Scotland. With access to resources and expertise in many different sectors, from animation to brain surgery, we are uniquely positioned to research and tackle complex problems, both short- and long-term.

All our projects fit within one or more of our six Societal Themes: Equal; International; Healthy; Smart; Enterprising; Sustainable. We also regularly identify several Grand Challenges, which traverse all our Themes, to help shape our work programme. More information about our work and our strategy is available at <https://www.youngacademyofscotland.org.uk/our-work/>

**Commitment**

**Membership should be considered an invitation to serve.** Members contribute by taking part in YAS activities within our Themes and Grand Challenges. Members are welcome to participate in existing projects but are also encouraged to suggest new activities and projects. Details of the current and past YAS activities can be found here: <https://www.youngacademyofscotland.org.uk/our-work/>

Members are also expected to attend at least one of the three plenary meetings per year (financial support is available to cover travel costs).

**Support from YAS**

YAS recognises that Scotland’s at-risk academic and refugee community includes many people who have the potential to make outstanding and meaningful contributions to the future prosperity of Scottish society. We are committed to working with at-risk academic and refugee members to help them to release their full potential, and we firmly believe that YAS will benefit from their talents, experience, and unique perspectives.

YAS provides a small amount of financial support to each ARAR Member to support their involvement in YAS activities (for example to cover travel, accommodation, and subsistence costs).

Membership is for 5 years. Members who take a career break of at least six months, e.g. for caring responsibilities, may have their membership extended by the length of the career break.

There are no membership fees for at-risk academic and refugee members.

YAS is pleased to offer at-risk academic and refugee members a YAS ‘Buddy’ to support their integration into the Membership, and a Mentor from within the Fellowship of the Royal Society of Edinburgh.

**Criteria for Selection**

The Young Academy of Scotland members should demonstrate outstanding ability in their work and a wider interest in contemporary social issues. This is the primary criterion for selection. Members should be in their early-to-mid career.

Applicants are asked to demonstrate evidence of outstanding professional achievement, along with broader skills and experience, such as:

• Evidence of innovative and entrepreneurial activity

• Evidence of interdisciplinary working

• Evidence of, and capacity for, leadership and responsibility

• Interest in both professional and societal policy issues

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Your application will be reviewed by a panel of current YAS members, who will decide together whether you will be invited for an interview. Informal interviews are held to help YAS understand how a candidate might contribute to and benefit from YAS membership. The interviews are also an important opportunity for an ARAR membership candidate to ask any questions about YAS membership, communicate any concerns to YAS, and let YAS know how they could be supported to become active, engaged YAS members.

Following an interview, the YAS Office shares the interview notes with the Young Academy Facilitating Group (FG), who will decide if the interviewee should be invited to become a YAS member.

An ARAR candidate whose application is unsuccessful may apply for YAS membership during the next regular recruitment round (these occur every other year). Unfortunately, YAS cannot accept repeat applications from previously unsuccessful applicants before the next regular recruitment round.

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| **Title\*** (e.g., Dr, Prof, Ms, Mrs, Mr) | Click here to enter text. |
| **Forename(s)**\* | Click here to enter text. |
| **Surname** \* | Click here to enter text. |
| **Email address** \* | Click here to enter text. |
| **Date of birth** \* | Click here to enter text. |
| **Gender identity** | Click here to enter text. |
| **Current paid or unpaid work\***  (post and organisation)  **(If you are new to Scotland, and do not have a post, what was your former post?)\*** | Click here to enter text. |
| **Describe your main area of work \***  (maximum 300 words) | Click here to enter text. |
| **What is your career history? \***  *We recognise that ARAR applicants’ career histories will often include periods of disruption.*  (most recent post first) | Click here to enter text. |
| **Please list the academic qualifications that you hold and the awarding institutions.\***  (title in full, year, subject, place of award) | Click here to enter text. |
| **Please list any professional qualifications you have or membership to professional bodies. \*** | Click here to enter text. |

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| **Please use this space to tell us more about yourself.\***  (maximum 300 words) | Click here to enter text. |
| **Please provide examples of leadership, responsibility and recognition within your main area of work.\***  (maximum 300 words) | Click here to enter text. |
| **If selected to become a member of YAS, what kind of project would you like to work on with other YAS members?\***  *(e.g. cross-disciplinary activities, public and charitable service, outreach/public engagement)*  (maximum 300 words) | Click here to enter text. |
| **In what way would YAS membership support your career and professional opportunities in Scotland?**  (maximum 300 words) | Click here to enter text. |

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| **Please indicate (X) to confirm \*** | |
|  | I confirm that the information provided within this document is accurate and up to date and consent to it being used by the RSE/YAS for the purposes of processing my nomination for Membership. I understand that the RSE/YAS will not share personal details with any third party without seeking my prior approval. |

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