



APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP FOR YOUNG ACADEMIES AND ASSOCIATIONS

International Science Council (ISC)

The completed **application form**, together with a **copy of the Statutes of the applying organization** (or equivalent), and a **signed statement** that the applicant will comply with ISC's [Statutes and Rules of Procedure](#) must be received at least two months in advance of the Governing Board meeting at which it is to be considered.

The document *ISC Membership Criteria and Procedure* describes the membership application criteria and procedure for admission to the ISC with details about the application process and relevant extracts from the ISC Statutes and Rules of Procedure.

Contact details

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Name of person submitting application	Felix Bast
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Type of membership

The

[name of applying organization]

hereby applies to become a Member of ISC as a *[please indicate the type of membership you wish to apply for by ticking the corresponding box]*

Full Member (Category 1): Scientific unions, associations and similar bodies, being international scientific organizations devoted to the practice and promotion of specific scientific disciplines or areas

Full Member (Category 2): Academies of sciences, research councils or analogous not-for-profit scientific bodies representing a broad spectrum of scientific fields or disciplines in a country, region, territory or globally.

Affiliated Member (Category 3): Other international bodies, being governmental and non-governmental organizations, whose activities are in a field cognate to those of the Council.



Details concerning the organization applying for membership

Date of creation of the organization	[22/09/2020]
Types of members	Individual only. Members fall into three categories: 1. Fellows 2. Associates 3. Members Eligibility and criteria for selection for each of these members as well as their rights and duties are enlisted in YAI Statutes
The organization is	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-governmental <input type="checkbox"/> Quasi-governmental <input type="checkbox"/> Governmental
Source of funds	Nil, but open for donations
Relationship to government	Open for relation with government. As of now, YAI is an Non governmental Organization
Affiliation to senior academy or association	<i>Nil</i>
Does the senior academy or association support your application?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>Not Applicable</i>)
Name of contact at senior academy or association supporting your application	<i>[Please indicate, if applicable]</i>
Affiliation to national and international scientific groupings	<i>Nil, as of now.</i>
International activities	<i>The science show Curiosity-an integral aspect of YAI is international in nature. YAI Fellows include a few international representation as well.</i>
Contacts with the ISC or ISC bodies	<i>Nil</i>

Statement of motivation

A membership at the prestigious International Science Council (ISC) would be a massive recognition for the Young Academy of India (YAI) at global arena. As an affiliate member of ISC, YAI could explore possibilities at international level for unique opportunities in cooperation and policy making. The membership would enable the academy to collaborate with other members of the ISC for executing the focus of our academy, i.e., to increase public value and trust in science through education. In the capacity of YAI, we would be able to work for the promotion of core values of ISC



in India, and to sensitize young Indian research community with scientific issues, both at national and at international level. A key strength of YAI is its membership that encompasses people from all dimensions of life. With a massive membership base which is more than 17,000 as of this writing, YAI has a potential for grassroots-level societal impact.

A core tenet of YAI's mission is uniquely international; i.e., to align with UN Sustainable Developmental Goals. If selected, YAI will adhere with the Statutes and Rules of ISC, and work together for bringing peace and prosperity for the world at large.

Attachments

- Statutes** (or equivalent) of the applying organization
- Formal attestation** to the effect that the governing body of the organization seeking admission to ISC has resolved that the organization will adhere to ISC's Statutes and Rules of Procedure (template provided).
- Additional information about the applicant
(for example brochure, leaflet, etc.)

Signed on behalf of the applying organization

Name: Prof. Dr. Felix Bast
Position: President, YAI
Date: 4th September, 2022
Signature:



YOUNG ACADEMY OF INDIA

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE STATUTES AND RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE COUNCIL

I, undersigned, hereby attest that the Young Academy of India will adhere to the Statutes and Rules of Procedure of the International Science Council.

04.09.2022

Prof. Dr. Felix Bast, President

[Signature] 
Felix Bast

YOUNG ACADEMY OF INDIA



STATUTES

PREFACE

Globalization and intercommunication between culture and science are the two important tools for defining any human activity in the 21st century. All these are undoubtedly aided by information and communication technologies. Problems are increasingly complex and, as a consequence, their solutions are interconnected. We speak, as never before, about culture as a whole and about globalization in both its generational and international aspects.

Today there is a need for generational collaboration and reciprocal interconnection between experienced scientists and young researchers, who will modulate and make the cultural future of the countries a reality. This is the reason why scientists with proven experience and cultural excellence came up with the idea of creating a Young Academy in India, named Young Academy of India in 2020, set against COVID-19 pandemic.

Young Academy of India is India's first young academy for all rational knowledge domains, including science, liberal arts, languages, and humanities. YAI is a democratic community for the free exchange of knowledge and partnerships; highest think-tank of the young intelligentsia of the country.

The academy's mission include:

1. To recognize the young talent of India in form of three memberships; Fellows who are elected by existing fellows and those who successfully mentor a candidate in response to the academy's MentX program, associates- who are the persons who successfully complete MentX, and members who are general public interested in the academy.
2. To provide a virtual platform for 'match-making' between mentees (students/general public) and mentors (established professionals, academicians, and scientists). The program is called #MentX, Mentor-Mentee Exchange
3. To foster trans-disciplinary dialogues and brainstorm issues of national and global importance and generate thematic white papers enlisting policy-related recommendations.
4. To foster Science Communication, especially in regional languages of India
5. To work for fostering scientific thinking and rational scepticism in the country. A major mission of YAI is science education and outreach. The academy will bust superstitions, myths, pseudoscience and fake news. The academy will strive to uphold article 51 A(h)

of the constitution of India, which is concerned with promoting scientific temperament, humanism, spirit of inquiry and reform.

The duration of YAI membership is lifetime. Both the scope of the activities proposed in the Young Academy of India, as well as how they will be carried out, will always have a multidisciplinary character. To this end, the members will be organized in working groups to foster diversity in the composition of its members and its activities. For the development of these activities, the support and participation of other Academies -both discipline-based academies and other young academies- may be sought.

Statues of the academy adopted in its first general body meeting held on 22nd September 2020 are enlisted herein (thirty-two articles in total enlisting the bylaws of the academy):

CHAPTER I

Denomination, nature, and scope

Article 1. Nature, legal regime, and field of activity.

1. The Young Academy of India is a democratic community for the free exchange of knowledge and partnerships; and envisions to be a highest think-tank of the young intelligentsia of the country.
2. The field of activity of the Academy will be to give visibility and representation to young academicians, preferably from the field of science, liberal arts, languages, and humanities.

Article 2. Territorial scope and location.

The Young Academy of India is nationwide and is located in India with its headquarters at Bathinda, Punjab, India.

Article 3. Purposes.

The purposes of the Young Academy of India, for which it will be aided by the nation, are:

1. Giving young researchers a voice and representing them through:
 - a. The promotion among its members of a channel of participation in the development of scientific and cultural policies.
 - b. The promotion of interactions with the media through meetings, stays, and professional collaborations.
 - c. The adoption of positions on topics related to science, humanities, arts, and languages of both national and international importance.
 - d. Attendance and participation in the scientific work carried out by the YAI committee.
 - e. Promote science and culture as a professional option among youth through:
 - i. The support and promotion of exceptional young people from any country, and in particular from India, as role models.
 - ii. The proposal of policies aimed at eliminating obstacles to the participation of women, people with disabilities, ethnic minorities, and other underrepresented groups in the different areas of knowledge.
 - iii. The promotion of mentoring with internationally recognized high-level scientists.
 - iv. The identification, promotion, and recognition of the scientific leaders of the future.
2. Promote scientific skills through:
 - a. The promotion of knowledge, research, and innovation as engines of economic and scientific development.
 - b. The provision of means for scientific research whenever possible.
 - c. Support for exchange between young researchers from different institutions, both national and international, as a way of intellectual and scientific enrichment in general.

3. Encourage the development of new approaches in order to solve problems of national and international importance through:
 - a. International collaboration and active participation in international forums.
 - b. Organization of meetings and workshops on topical issues.
 - c. Encouraging the channeling of resources, both within the government and from research foundations and other philanthropic organizations, to projects identified as priorities.

4. Other objectives that concern young scientists that the Young Academy decides to promote, such as, for example:
 - a. To promote research, technology, and the study of the scientific fields of its active members, acting as a scientific and advisory entity.
 - b. As YAI's primary objective is science education, it will comply articles endorsed in National Education Policy 2020 (NEP-2020) of Ministry of Education, Government of India.
 - c. Prepare reports or expert opinions on the matters within its competence.
 - d. Establish and promote reciprocal relationships in collaboration with Young Academies from other countries.
 - e. Identify challenges posed by young researchers of the country through public surveys and brainstorming on optimal solutions

Article 4. Emblems and badges.

The Young Academy of India and MentX program of the academy will have the following logo:



CHAPTER II

Types of members, rights, and duties

Article 5. Types of members.

The Young Academy of India will consist of:

1. Fellows
2. Associates
3. Members

Article 6. Selection of members

1. The Young Academy of India's highest decision-making body shall encompass its fellows, that are open to any person who have contributed substantially for increasing public value and trust in science.
2. Fellows will be selected by general assembly of the academy with a simple majority. In addition, mentors who successfully complete mentoring in response to MentX program will automatically be inducted as a fellow of the academy.
3. Candidates who successfully complete two-months internship as part of MentX program will automatically be inducted as associate of the academy.
4. To become an ordinary "Member" of YAI, a simple online application is sufficient and there are no screening/selection process. Membership is open for everyone in India and abroad.
5. There is no age restriction to be inducted as a fellow/associate/member of the academy. YAI specifically encourages membership applications from women, LGBTQ community, differently-abled individuals, minorities, and individuals from lower socio-economic strata.

Article 7. Membership tenure

1. Tenure of all members of YAI, including fellows, associates, and members, will be lifetime.

Article 8. Honorary Fellows

Exceptionally, individuals who, due to their merits, deserve it, may be appointed as Honorary Fellows of YAI, as established in the Internal Regime Regulations.

Article 9. Rights.

1. Fellows (except honorary fellows) shall have the following rights:
 - a. Right to use FYAI (Fellow of Young Academy of India) as a suffix to their names.
 - b. To speak and vote in sessions and meetings.
 - c. Eligibility for all positions of YAI
2. Associates shall have the following rights:
 - a. Right to use AYAI (Associate of Young Academy of India) as a suffix to their names.

- b. To express suggestions and criticisms the way YAI is functioning
 - c. To form regional sub-committees of YAI associates, elected among themselves democratically in consultation with a fellow of the academy
3. Members shall have the following rights:
- a. Right to use MYAI (Member of Young Academy of India) as a suffix to their names.
 - b. To express suggestions and criticisms the way YAI is functioning
 - c. To form regional sub-committees of YAI members, elected among themselves democratically in consultation with a fellow of the academy

Article 10. Duties.

1. The duties of the fellows are the following:
To comply with the Statutes and the agreements of the Corporation; to contribute to the progress of science, technology, and culture; to ensure the reputation of the Young Academy of India ; to issue reports and opinions, carry out commissions, and perform the work entrusted to them; attend meetings, sessions, and commissions, as well as to accept the positions for which they have been elected, unless a fully justified cause prevents it; to contribute, as agreed by the General Assembly, to the costs, if any, of maintaining the Young Academy of India, and upheld institutional values as stated in Art 32 of this statute.
2. The duties of associates are the following:
Actively involved with science education efforts of YAI as its brand ambassadors; execute duties entrusted by a fellow to help functioning of YAI; contribute to translation of Curiosity-the monthly science show; and upheld institutional values as stated in Art 32 of this statute.
3. The duties of members are the following:
Actively involved with science education efforts of YAI; and upheld institutional values as stated in Art 32 of this statute.

CHAPTER III

On the structure of governance and internal regulations of the Young Academy of India

Article 11. General Assembly.

1. YAI is a democratic academy where decision making is multilateral with collective leadership adopted.
2. The General Assembly is the highest decision-making body of the Young Academy of India; the General Assembly may, subject to the provisions of these Statutes, decide on all matters affecting the Young Academy of India.
3. The General Assembly is composed of all the fellows of the Young Academy of India.
4. The General Assembly can:
 - a. Propose the modification of these Statutes, for which the vote of two thirds of the Full Academicians is needed.
 - b. Elaborate the Internal Regime Regulations that will develop the application of these Statutes.
 - c. Elect the President, the Vice-President, the Secretary, and the members of its Executive Board.
 - d. Remove their condition of fellows to anyone who goes against the interests of the Young Academy of India, if approved by two thirds of the Full Academicians.
 - e. Take any decision necessary to promote the objectives of the Young Academy of India, in accordance with its Statutes and existing legal provisions.
5. The Executive Board may convene an extraordinary meeting of the General Assembly at the request of one third of its members.
6. Any proposal to be discussed at the General Assembly submitted by a fellow and sent in writing to the President at least fifteen days prior to the meeting shall be placed on the agenda of the General Assembly. The Executive Board may place additional items on the agenda at any time.

Article 12. Executive Board.

1. Subject to the provisions of these Statutes and to the decisions of the General Assembly, the Executive Board shall carry out the initiatives and actions that are necessary to achieve the objectives of the Young Academy of India.
2. The Executive Board shall be composed of the President, the Vice-President, the Secretary and four Members elected by the General Assembly from among the fellows during the time of their membership. The outgoing President and Secretary shall also form part of the Executive Board, and will be allowed to speak but not to vote, as long as they keep their status of Full Academicians.
3. The Executive Board shall be responsible for developing the strategy, initiatives and activities of the Young Academy of India.
4. The Executive Board may exercise all its capacities with regard to the management and administration of the Young Academy of India, except for those responsibilities specifically attributed to the General Assembly in these Statutes.
5. The Executive Board shall, in particular, be responsible for:
 - a. Deciding when and where the meetings of the General Assembly will be held.
 - b. Preparing the agenda of the meetings of the General Assembly.
 - c. Implementing the decisions taken by the General Assembly.

- d. To secure funding for the initiatives and activities of the Young Academy of India.
 - e. To approve the initiatives and activities, as well as their budgets.
 - f. To ensure that the actual expenditure coincides with the budget.
 - g. To issue statements on behalf of the Young Academy of India.
 - h. To establish permanent or special committees and to designate the positions it deems necessary for the performance of its functions and responsibilities.
7. The Executive Board shall be responsible for fundraising, management of accounts and budgets, and shall submit annual fiscal reports to the General Assembly.
 8. The Executive Board shall make its decisions by majority vote. Abstentions shall not be counted as votes.
 9. The resolutions of the Executive Board shall be reflected in the corresponding minutes, which shall be available to the fellows of the Young Academy of India.
 10. The Executive Board shall be responsible for ensuring compliance with the transparency and accountability measures established by current legislation.
 11. The Executive Board is entrusted to interpret and apply the precepts of the Statutes and the Internal Regime Regulations, solving any doubts that may cause any contradictions that may arise from their writing.

Article 13. President and Vice-President.

1. The President may exercise the functions of this position during the period of time for which they have been elected, as long as they hold the status of fellow.
2. President should follow collective leadership, wherein members at multiple hierarchies are consulted for creating and implementing decisions of the academy.
3. The President of the Academy is the highest authority in the Corporation and represents it in its public or private relations.
4. The President shall establish, or coordinate, upon proposal by the Secretary or the Executive Board, as the case may be, the agenda of the meetings, as well as the agenda and calendar with the activities of the Academy.
5. The Vice-President shall assist the President in the exercise of their functions and shall temporarily substitute the President in the event of vacancy, absence, illness or any other legal cause.

Article 14. Secretary.

1. The Secretary may exercise the functions of the position as long as they hold the condition of fellow.
2. The Secretary will take the minutes of the sessions, will execute the resolutions of the Corporation, and will be the custodian of the official books and documents and of the archives of the Academy and the director of the employees.
3. The Secretary shall be assisted in their functions by the member of the Executive Board who holds the position of Treasurer, who shall temporarily replace the Secretary in the event of vacancy, absence, illness or other legal cause.

Article 15. Members of the Executive Board.

1. The members of the Executive Board may exercise the functions of the position as long as they hold the condition of fellow.
2. They shall assist the President in the performance of their duties.

3. The Executive Board shall designate one of its members as Treasurer.

Article 16. Treasurer.

The Treasurer shall be responsible for the custody of the financial resources of the Academy, of which they shall report promptly to the Executive Board and the General Assembly. The Treasurer is the designated officer of the Corporation for all purposes.

Article 17. Election of positions of the Executive Board.

1. The election of the positions of the Executive Board shall take place at a General Assembly meeting held in an extraordinary session.
2. For the election of the positions of the Executive Board, the General Assembly shall be validly constituted by the presence of a simple majority of the votes of fellows present.
3. Any vacancies occurring shall be filled by vote at an extraordinary meeting of the General Assembly.
4. All positions will be auto-renewed until an election is held in extraordinary meeting.

CHAPTER IV

On the assets and economic regime of the Young Academy of India

Article 18. Composition of the assets.

The economic resources of the Young Academy of India shall comprise, fundamentally:

1. The income that may arise from the works, studies, opinions, or scientific-technical reports done by the members of the Academy, at the request of third parties, as well as from the sale of publications.
2. Those coming from donations, inheritances, legacies, or subsidies offered to the Academy.

Article 19. Use of funds.

The Academy will use its funds:

1. To the payment of the salaries of its employees and collaborators who are not public servants; to the payment of gratuities for all its employees, as well as to cover the maintenance expenses of the Academy, agreed upon by the Executive Board.
2. To the preparation and printing of publications in conventional or digital format and to the maintenance of the Academy's website.
3. To the expenses incurred in the ceremony of admission of the new Academicians.
4. To the allowances that are determined for the attendance to the sessions of the Full Academicians.
5. To the payment for participation in works promoted by the Academy.
6. To the gratuities to scientific personalities who may be invited to give lectures or contribute a scientific work as agreed upon by the Executive Board.
7. To bear costs associated with software, software subscriptions, and allied expenses that are central to the activities of YAI
8. To the purposes determined in its budget.

Article 20. Accounting regime and account control.

1. The Academy shall justify the subsidies obtained to the corresponding Public Administrations, in the legally established manner.
2. The Treasurer of the Academy shall keep detailed control of the remaining income, in accordance with the legally applicable accounting system, and shall render accounts to the Executive Board and the General Assembly.
3. Accounts and assets will be open for auditing

CHAPTER V**On the activities of the Young Academy of India****Article 21. Types of activities**

The Academy will be involved with spectra of activities to increase public value, trust and engagement in science and rational knowledge. For this, virtual and offline activities including events, videos, competitions, webinars, meetings will be organized alone, or in collaboration with other academies around the world. Weekly science show Curiosity will be released every month, which will be translated into other Indian languages by the members of Young Academy of India.

Article 22. Celebration of Indian and UN events

Celebration of official Indian and UN events will be a core component of the activities of the YAI

Article 23. Sustainable Developmental Goals

YAI will comply with UN SDGs for all the activities that it undertakes. Seventeen SDGs will be the guide while deciding on the types of future activities as well. Increasing environmental sustainability and reducing carbon footprint will be prioritized for all spheres of YAI, including staying away from unnecessary printed materials, preferring virtual events over in-person, travelling less, and minimizing single-use plastic.

Article 24. MentX Program

1. Virtual mentor-Mentee Exchange and Internship program will be one of the main activities of the YAI.
2. Call will be announced during September and March Equinoxes
3. No registration or internship fee will be charged from any applicants
4. Members from lower strata of socio-economic status will be specifically considered, and inclusivity in terms of gender and physical ability will be ensured.
5. Mentees who successfully complete the internship will be inducted in YAI as associates, while mentors will be invited to join the academy as fellows.

CHAPTER VI

Works, publications, library, courses, competitions

Article 25. Academic property of the texts and works.

The following texts and works are property of the Academy:

1. All scientific, technical, and cultural works are carried out by the Academy.
2. All digital contents including multimedia videos released by the academy
3. The books, monographs, activity reports, speeches, reports, opinions, and other writings that the Academics or other people write in fulfilment of their obligations or by order of the Academy in conventional or digital support.
4. The opinions expressed in the texts by their authors shall be their exclusive responsibility, unless explicitly indicated by the Academy.
5. The works that, having been presented or assigned by the Academicians or by other people, the Academy accepts as useful for its purposes.
6. Works that have received an award from the Academy, prior transfer of the intellectual property rights by the authors.

Article 26. Publications.

The Academy shall publish:

1. A yearbook which shall contain a summary of the history of the Academy, its detailed annual activity, a complete list of its Academicians, a list of the official provisions affecting the Institution, and the awards summoned by the Academy in the year of its edition.
2. The conferences, speeches, and works awarded in the annual competitions, as agreed by the Executive Board.
3. Activity reports, dissertations, and monographs existing in its archives, as well as historical documents that due to their nature or value deserve to be published.
4. The texts and monographs that, at the initiative of the Executive Board, are approved by the Executive Board.
5. With regards to the works that the Academy authorizes or publishes, each author shall be responsible for the judgments and opinions therein expressed.

Article 27. Library.

1. The library will be under the immediate dependence of the member of the Executive Board designated by the Executive Board and will be of general use for the Academicians, who may propose to the Executive Board the acquisition of books and magazines in any of the forms of edition in which they are presented.
2. The general public may also make use of it under the conditions determined in each case.
3. The library shall receive and catalog the bibliographic donations made by the Academicians and other benefactors.

Article 28. Courses.

The academy considers organizing courses of scientific, technical, and academic interest including leadership programs and soft skills workshops with or without the involvement of collaborating institution or organization

Article 29. Fellowships and Awards

1. The Academy may award prizes and endow scholarships in India or abroad for specialists who carry out scientific and technical work in various fields of knowledge.
2. None of the types of Academicians listed in Article 5 of these Statutes may be participants or beneficiaries of the prizes awarded or scholarships endowed by the Academy.
3. Academy will also announce various awards under various categories to foster public engagement of science

CHAPTER VII

Institutional and scientific relations

Article 30. Scientific Relations

Special relationships will be established with the academies in India and Aboard, which includes INYAS, INSA, IASc, NASI, GYA and International Science Council. Main objective of these relations is to bring in young scholars of different disciplines and regions together.

Article 31. Scientific Advisory Committee.

A Scientific Advisory Committee will be created from the members of the YAI. The proposals for members of the Scientific Advisory Committee will be analyzed by the Executive Board and will be submitted to the General Assembly.

Article 32: Institutional relations.

YAI will closely work with academic and industrial institutions for outreach and policy related matters. For this, Memorandums of Understandings will be signed up with interested parties.

CHAPTER VIII

Inclusivity and ethics

Article 33. Gender equality

The academy will ensure equitable participation of people from all genders, including LGBTQ. Gender identity will not be a criterion for the membership (including fellow, associates, and members) and no members shall be excluded based on their gender.

Article 31. Sexual Abuse and Passive Aggression

The academy shall have zero tolerance towards abuse and alienation based on sexuality, as well as passive aggression including bullying by its members. If found, members shall be expelled immediately.

Article 32: Institutional Ethics

YAI will strive for universal virtues, including honesty, integrity, justice, empathy, environmentalism, nonviolence, humanism, tolerance, free-thinking, compassion, and kindness. As mentioned in Art 23, UN SDGs will form the basis of the activities of YAI and broader context of institutional ethics will be prioritized based on these 17 goals. In addition, YAI has zero tolerance towards academic misconduct, including data fabrication, image manipulation, cherry-picking, and plagiarism.

YOUNG ACADEMY OF INDIA

ABOUT

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