

YOUNG ACADEMY LEIDEN

Join us at Young Academy Leiden (YAL) and be part of a vibrant community where early-career researchers drive interdisciplinary initiatives, engage in outreach, and shape academic policies both within and beyond Leiden University. We also focus on strengthening community building within the university, fostering connections among young academics. We welcome applications from all faculties and are committed to fostering a diverse and inclusive community. We particularly encourage applications from underrepresented groups to build a more inclusive academic environment.

call for new members

2025

Our mission

YAL is dedicated to fostering interdisciplinary research and educational initiatives, advocating for young academics in policy discussions, and promoting societal engagement and outreach. We aim to connect researchers with society and address challenges that are crucial for early-career academics. Additionally, we strive to create a supportive and inspiring academic community within Leiden University.

The logo for YAL consists of the letters 'YAL' in a bold, sans-serif font. The 'Y' is dark blue, while the 'A' and 'L' are light blue. The letters are slightly overlapping and have a subtle shadow effect.

Shaping the future of academia



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Who we're looking for

Every year, YAL selects new members from Leiden University and LUMC staff within 8 years of receiving their PhD (aligning with NWO's extension clause). We seek passionate and committed early career academics with a strong interest in research, education, and broader societal issues such as policy, outreach, and interdisciplinarity. We particularly encourage applications from disciplines that have been underrepresented in YAL, including the Faculty of Law.

Why join YAL?

By joining the YAL you will have the opportunity to shape discussions in academia and beyond. You will work alongside motivated peers from various disciplines, driving innovation and making an impact both within and outside the university. YAL is not just about hard work, it's also about having fun! You'll join a dynamic and supportive community where you can exchange ideas, collaborate on meaningful projects, and enjoy engaging social events along the way.

How to apply

To apply for YAL, please submit the following before the 1st of May 2025 to YAL Project Manager, Suzanne Brinkman, at youngacademy@bb.leidenuniv.nl:



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A support letter from your scientific director or institute manager.

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A motivation letter (max. 500 words) outlining your interests in outreach, interdisciplinarity, community building, or policy. Describe how you would contribute to YAL's mission. Please also confirm your availability for the interviews on June 3rd, 2025.

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Your CV (max. two pages).

After a first round of letter selection, we will inform the candidates if they are invited for the interview round. The interviews will take place in Leiden on Tuesday June 3rd, 2025 with a committee of YAL members. For more information or to apply, please reach out to us.

Let's shape the future of academia together!