

Nuorten Tiedeakatemia

Young Academy Finland (YAF)

Adopted by the meeting of the Board of the Finnish Academy of Science and Letters (Suomalainen Tiedeakatemia, STA) on 6 February 2017.

1 § Purpose

Young Academy Finland (YAF) is an organization of young researchers, which operates under the Finnish Academy of Science and Letters.

Young Academy Finland was established in 2017, and its purpose is to contribute to the advancement of science, particularly from the perspective of young researchers.

This purpose shall be fulfilled in the most appropriate manner by, for example, organizing presentations and scientific meetings, participating in the debate on the state of science, issuing statements, and maintaining contact with international sister and umbrella organizations.

Young Academy Finland is independent of the Finnish Academy of Science and Letters in terms of its statements and positions.

2 § Members

Each year, the Board of the Finnish Academy of Science and Letters invites young scientists to join Young Academy Finland as members.

The membership term of Young Academy Finland begins on September 1, and ends after a period of four years on August 31. Membership may only be granted once.

The Board of the Finnish Academy of Science and Letters may dismiss a member of Young Academy Finland during their term on the same basis as allow the Finnish Academy of Science and Letters to revoke its member's membership.

Membership in Young Academy Finland is not subject to a membership fee.

The alumni of Young Academy Finland comprises former members of the Academy.

3 § Administration and Officers

The members of Young Academy Finland annually elect a Board to manage the activities of the Academy, which consists of four to eight (4–8) members such that at least one member from the membership intake of each year is included on the board. A personal alternate from the membership intake of the same year shall be selected for each member.

Members of the Board shall be elected by an assembly of members of Young Academy Finland, which shall be held no later than on September 30. The term of the members of the Board shall begin at the end of the selection meeting and conclude at the end of the selection meeting convened after a period of one year.

The multidisciplinary nature of the organization shall be taken into account as regards the selection of Board members.

The Board shall elect a Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary from among its members. The Board is quorate if more than one half of its members are present.

Young Academy Finland shall be represented jointly by any two of its officials including the Chair of the Board, the Vice Chair, and the Secretary.

4 § Division into Departments and Groups

Young Academy Finland may be divided into departments and groups as decided by an assembly of Young Academy Finland members.

5 § Finances

Each year, Young Academy Finland shall draw up proposed annual and financial plans and present them to the Finnish Academy of Science and Letters. The annual plan and financial plan for the following year shall be presented to the Board of the Finnish Academy of Science and Letters no later than one month before the Autumn meeting of the Finnish Academy of Science and Letters.

The Finnish Academy of Science and Letters supports the activities of Young Academy Finland based on the approved plans. The Board of Young Academy Finland shall be accountable to the Finnish Academy of Science and Letters for the use of funds.

Young Academy Finland may submit proposals to the Board of the Finnish Academy of Science and Letters regarding additional fundraising.

Young Academy Finland shall present a report of its activities to the Board of the Finnish Academy of Science and Letters each year by the end of February.

6 § Meeting Procedure

A proposal put forward in an assembly of members of Young Academy and its Board that is supported by more than one half of the members present shall be adopted and becomes a decision.

Elections held at meetings shall be conducted in line with a majority vote system unless the election of persons is unanimous. Votes shall be held by secret ballot upon request.

If the vote is tied, the Chair shall have the deciding vote. This does not apply to elections, which shall be decided by drawing lots in the event of a tie.

7 § Assemblies of the Members of Young Academy Finland and Assembly Invites

An assembly of the members of Young Academy Finland shall be convened if an assembly of members or the Board of Young Academy Finland decides to do so or at least one tenth (1/10) of the membership calls for an assembly to be convened.

The invite to an assembly of members of Young Academy Finland shall be sent no later than 10 days before the assembly to the address provided by each member to Young Academy Finland.

The invite shall specify the matters to be addressed during the assembly. If a matter has not been mentioned in the assembly invite, it may be included on the agenda if at least three quarters (3/4) of the attending members are in favor of doing so.

8 § Amending the Rules

The Board of the Finnish Academy of Science and Letters shall decide on any amendments to these rules having consulted the Administrative Council of the Emil Aaltonen Foundation.

Young Academy Finland may submit proposals to the Board of the Finnish Academy of Science and Letters for amendments to the rules.

9 § Dissolution of Young Academy Finland

The decision to dissolve Young Academy Finland shall be taken by an assembly of the members of the Finnish Academy of Science and Letters as provided by the rules of the Emil Aaltonen Foundation.

10 § Provisions for the Transitional Period

The transitional period pertaining to the initiation of the activities of Young Academy Finland is ending on 31 August 2021. During the transitional period, the term of membership of a Young Academy Finland member may be shorter than four years.

The provision regarding yearly membership intakes under § 3(1) of these rules may be derogated from during the transitional period.