**2024 Application Form**

At Risk Scholars and Professionals scheme

**Closing date: Wednesday 9 October 2024, 3pm (BST)**

Information about the UK Young Academy can be found at [ukyoungacademy.org](http://www.ukyoungacademy.org), including further details on how to apply for membership and eligibility criteria. We recommend you read the [guidance notes for the At Risk Scholars and Professionals scheme applicants](https://ukyoungacademy.org/at-risk-programme/) carefully before starting your application. If you are unsure whether you are eligible to apply, have any questions about applying to, or the UK Young Academy in general, please contact [enquiries@ukyoungacademy.org](mailto:enquiries@ukyoungacademy.org).

**Completed application forms must be submitted via the** [**online application portal**](https://youngacademy.powerappsportals.com) **by 3pm (BST) on Wednesday 9 October 2024.**

**Email applications will not be considered.**

**About the UK Young Academy**

The UK Young Academy is welcoming applications for new members. We are looking for dedicated, driven and dynamic individuals who live in the UK and are committed to collaborating with others from a spectrum of different sectors.

The application form consists of three main sections that cover an applicant's career, a personal statement and how they feel they will contribute to the UK Young Academy. Applicants will be asked to use these to demonstrate as far as possible in their circumstances evidence of outstanding professional achievement, together with other relevant skills and experience they might have. This might include, for example, previous involvement in or enthusiasm for innovation and entrepreneurial activity; interdisciplinary working; interest in both global and national professional and societal policy issues and interest or participation in international collaboration.

Alongside the evidence listed above, we are looking for broader skills and experience that demonstrate a passion for working with others; a capacity for leadership; interest in wider societal issues and a flair for innovative and creative thinking.

**About the ARSaP scheme**

The At-Risk Scholars and Professionals (ARSaP) scheme is a separate application route for membership to the UK Young Academy. It aims to support academics and professionals from marginalised and underrepresented communities to apply for membership at the UK Young Academy, provide skills development, and amplify their voices for positive change.

Run in collaboration with the [Council for At-Risk Academics](https://www.cara.ngo/) (Cara), the ARSaP scheme is currently only open to academics who are part of the [Cara network](https://www.cara.ngo/). There are plans to develop the scheme in future through engagement with new project partners to expand the initiative to support at-risk individuals across various sectors beyond academia. In the meantime, at-risk applicants working in non-academic fields can apply for membership through the general application route. At-risk academics within [Cara’s network](https://www.cara.ngo/) are invited to apply for membership through the ARSaP scheme by selecting the ‘At Risk Scholars and Professionals‘ application route when prompted at the start of the application form.

\* Indicates required field

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| **Application Route** | |
| **Please select which Membership Application Route are you applying for\***  Note, the ‘At Risk Scholars and Professionals’ route is only for applicants who are considered “at-risk”, whether due to forced exile or migration, or entry into the UK under refugee status and are registered as part of the [Cara network](https://www.cara.ngo/). See [our website](https://ukyoungacademy.org/membership/applying/) for more information.  At-risk individuals working in non-academic fields can apply for membership through the [general application route](https://ukyoungacademy.org/membership/applying/).  All other applicants should apply through the ‘General’ application route. | * General * At Risk Scholars and Professionals |

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| **Terms and Conditions** | |
|  | * I agree to the UK Young Academy processing my information for the purpose of administrating the applications for UK Young Academy membership, as set out in its [Privacy Policy](https://ukyoungacademy.org/privacy-policy/). \* |
|  | * I agree to the UK Young Academy sharing my information with [Cara](https://www.cara.ngo/) for the purpose of managing the eligibility of applications for the At-risk Scholars and Professionals membership scheme. \* |
| **Are you a current resident of the UK?\*** | * Yes * No |
| **Are you registered with CARA?** | * Yes * No |
| **Do you have refugee status in the UK?** | * Yes * No |
| **SECTION 1: About You** | |
| **Title** | (e.g. Ms, Mr, Dr) |
| **Forename(s)**\* |  |
| **Surname\*** |  |
| **Region\***  Please select the region in which you live. If you do not have a fixed address, please select the region in which your institution is based. | * Channel Islands * East Midlands * East of England * Greater London * Isle of Man * North East * North West * Northern Ireland * Scotland * South East * South West * Wales * West Midlands |
| **Email address\*** |  |
| **Current (or most recent) post and organisation\*** |  |
| **Which sector would you place yourself in?**\*  Note, this question is for internal use only to support with the reviewing process.  If your work is multi-disciplinary, please select your lead discipline or the most relevant option. | *Life Sciences*   * Biomedical sciences * Cognitive sciences * Clinical sciences * Organismal biology * Environmental biology * Cell biology * Molecular biology * Other (please specify):   *Physical, Engineering and Computer Sciences*   * Physics * Astronomy * Earth sciences * Chemistry * Engineering * Computer sciences * Mathematics and statistics * Other (please specify):   *Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences*   * Language * Literature * History * Geography * Philosophy * Theology * Law * Creative and performing arts * Economics * Political sciences * Social sciences * Other (please specify):   *Business, Public Service and Communications*   * Media and communications * Professional sector leadership * Educational sector leadership * Public sector leadership * Private sector leadership * Other (please specify): |
| **Career History\*** | For each position, please provide:   * Job title * Organisation * Dates from and to * Whether this is your current organisation * A brief description of your main role (max 300 words) * An outline of your roles, responsibilities and achievements in this position (300 words max)   We recognise that the career histories of ARSaP applicants will often include periods of disruption. You can use this section to describe any career breaks you may have had if you are comfortable to do so, including additional information as needed. For required fields on the form that aren’t relevant to your career break, please put ‘N/A’  List by most recent position first. |
| **Degree(s)** | Title in full, year, subject, place of award |
| **Professional Qualifications**  **/ Membership of Professional Bodies (if applies)** |  |
| **Do you consider your primary role to sit within:** | * Academia * Private sector * Charity * Other (please specify below) |
| **SECTION 2: Personal Statement** | |
| **Personal Statement\*** | Describe your motivations for wishing to join the UK Young Academy  *(maximum 500 words)* |
| **Please provide evidence of leadership, responsibility and recognition within your main area of work\*** | *(maximum 500 words)* |
| **Please provide evidence of interests, contributions or recognition outside your main area of work\*** | E.g. cross-disciplinary activities, public and charitable service, outreach/public engagement.  *(maximum 500 words)* |
| **SECTION 3: Your vision and commitment to the UK Young Academy** | |
| **Provide a web link to a short video outlining:**   * **A topic, issue or subject area that interests you, that could be an area for consideration for the UK Young Academy’s work programme\***   If you are unable or uncomfortable to complete the video as part of your submission, we do offer alternatives for this part of the application process. Please get in touch with us at [enquiries@ukyoungacademy.org](mailto:enquiries@ukyoungacademy.org) to discuss how we can best support you in your application. | Videos should be no longer than 3 minutes in length. Please note, applications containing videos over this time limit may be deemed ineligible.  Submitted videos do not need to be a polished product and can be simply filmed using your smart phone or tablet. However, please ensure your image is clear and the sound is audible.  Read our [guidance on how to make a good video](https://ukyoungacademy.org/membership/applying#guidance) for more information. |
| **If your video link is password protected, please state the password** | We would recommend uploading your video as unlisted (so it is not publicly accessible) and without a password if possible. |
| **What do you think the UK Young Academy should prioritise in its first few years, and why?\*** | (maximum 300 words) |
| **We are looking for active UK Young Academy members. If selected, how will you prioritise your commitment to the UK Young Academy and its work programmes?\*** | (maximum 300 words) |
| **Please indicate you can commit the minimum time commitment to the UK Young Academy\*** | (Typically 4-5 hours/month)   * I can accommodate the minimum time commitment required to engage in the UK Young Academy activities |
| **Note, successful applicants will be expected to attend a New Members Induction and All Members’ Meeting on 24 - 25 March 2025 in London.** | * I confirm that I have noted these dates and understand the expectation to attend this event should my application be successful. |
| **SECTION 4: Marketing** | |
| **How did you find out about the UK Young Academy?** | * Through CARA * UK Young Academy website * Email newsletter * Search engine e.g Google * Social media   + Twitter   + LinkedIn   + Other social channels * Word of mouth * Press coverage * Other national Young Academy * Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| **Diversity monitoring** | |
| The UK Young Academy is working to create an inclusive environment for everyone involved in our work. With your help, we will be able to better understand the diversity of people who are applying for membership which will help us to identify areas of underrepresentation and address potential barriers.  Completing this short survey will help us achieve this. You can choose ‘prefer not to say’ for any of the questions.  Your answers will be treated in the strictest confidence, and in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation. Responses will be pseudonymised for reporting and will not be used for any purpose other than for the monitoring and evaluation of the UK Young Academy’s activities.  **This information will be collected and stored separately from the rest of your application and will not be visible to those involved in the selection process.** | |
| **Date of birth** | DD/MM/YYYY   * Prefer not to say |
| **What best describes your gender?** | * Female * Male * Other gender * Prefer not to say |
| **Is the gender the same as you were assigned at birth?** | * Yes * No * Prefer not to say |
| **Do you consider yourself to have a disability?** | *For the purposes of this survey, ‘disability’ includes physical and mental health conditions and illnesses and learning differences.*   * Yes * No * Prefer not to say |
| **What is your ethnic group?** | Asian or Asian British   * Bangladeshi * Chinese * Indian * Pakistani * Other Asian background   Black or Black British   * African * Caribbean * Any other Black, Black British or Caribbean background   Mixed or Multiple ethnic groups   * White and Asian * White and Black African * White and Black Caribbean * Any other Mixed or Multiple ethnic background   White   * + English, Welsh, Scottish, Northern Irish or British   + Gypsy or Irish Traveller   + Irish   + Roma   + Any other White background   Other ethnic group   * Arab * Other ethnic group * Prefer not to say |
| **What is your nationality?** | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_   * Prefer not to say |
| **What is your religion?** | * No religion * Buddhist * Christian\* * Hindu * Jewish * Muslim * Sikh * Other religion * Prefer not to say   \* including Church of England, Catholic, Protestant and all other Christian denominations |
| **Which of the following best describes your sexual orientation?** | * Bisexual * Gay or lesbian * Heterosexual or straight * Other sexual orientation * Prefer not to say |
| **Confirmation** | |
|  | * I confirm that the information provided within this application form is accurate and up to date to the best of my knowledge.\* |