Motivation Letter

The Swiss Young Academy is an organisation of active members who work together to address topics of national and international importance. We are therefore looking for members who actively contribute to the organisation's projects and activities, and also lead national, interdisciplinary, and intergenerational dialogue with the goal to make decision-making evidence-based and inclusive.

Please answer each of the following questions in your own words. Illustrate your answers with specific examples where possible. You can write in German, French or English.

1. Why do you want to join the Swiss Young Academy? Please write no more than 1.500 characters.

2. Describe any experience that you have in interdisciplinary or international research. Examples might include working with scholars from other disciplines, taking part in international collaborations or working with other sectors (e.g. industry or government). Please write no more than 1.500 characters.

3. Describe your personal vision for improving the state of the sciences/research and the situation of young scientists/scholars in Switzerland. Please write no more than 1.500 characters.

4. Describe any obstacles you had to overcome during your life or career, how you overcame them, and what variety of skills you have acquired along the way that you think would be of benefit to the SYA.

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5. Describe if you have been a member of any societies (e.g. professional, societal engagement, etc).

Give details of these societies including any leadership role, your contribution to activities, and the impact on society. Please write no more than 1.200 characters.

6. Describe how you would contribute to the Swiss Young Academy, by describing your idea for a new project. Please write no more than 1.500 characters.

7. Since networking and mentoring are one of the main goals of the Swiss Young Academy, please describe how you would contribute to its improvement. Please write no more than 1.500 characters.

8. Other comments or statements you would like to share.