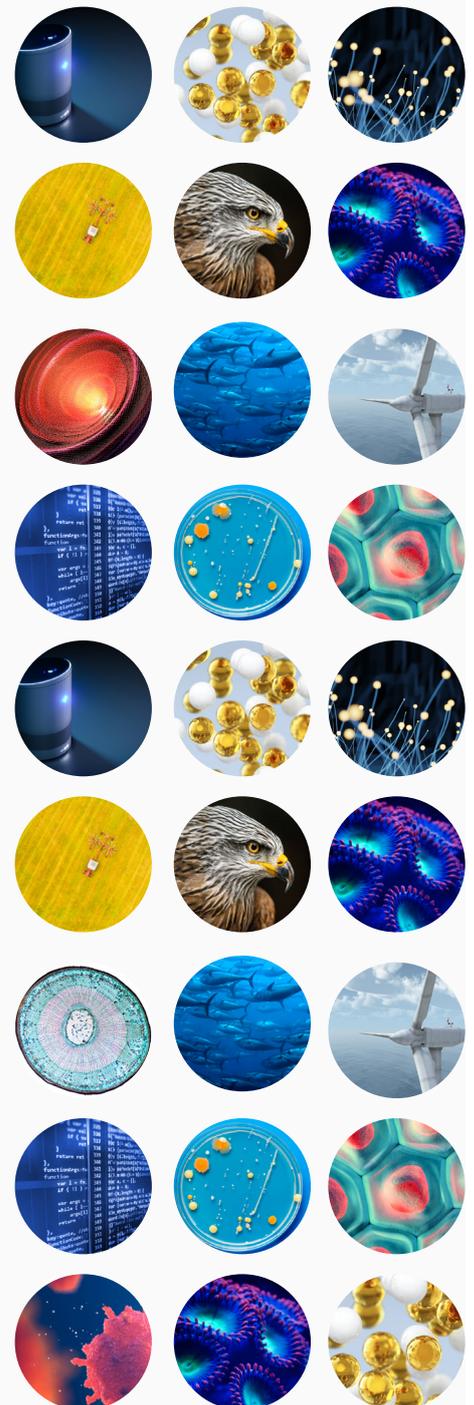


# Nominate a Young Scientist

The Young Scientists community was created in 2009 to convene rising-star researchers and engage them in the work of the World Economic Forum. Committed to improving the state of the world, the Forum is the International Organization for Public-Private Cooperation. It engages the foremost political, business and other leaders of society to shape global, regional and industry agendas.



## About the Young Scientists community

The Forum's Young Scientists are a community of extraordinary scientists from various academic disciplines and geographies. They are committed to integrating scientific knowledge into society for the public good. In the context of the Fourth Industrial Revolution, the community helps leaders engage with science and the role it plays in society. The aims are to:

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| <p><b>1</b> <b>Communicate cutting-edge research</b> and position science discourse within the context of scientific evidence by engaging in events, surveys, initiatives, projects, digital media campaigns and other collaborations</p> | <p><b>2</b> <b>Develop leadership skills</b> and a fuller understanding of global, regional and industry agendas through personal and professional experiences</p> | <p><b>3</b> <b>Build a diverse global community</b> of next-generation scientific leaders, committed to engaging in collaborations related to collectively identified issues</p> |
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## A Young Scientist experience: a three-year journey

The Young Scientists Class of 2020 will convene in the People's Republic of China from 30 May to 4 June 2020.\* This includes a special community introductory programme in Beijing before moving to Tianjin for the Forum's Annual Meeting of the New Champions, an annual summit exploring the influence of the Fourth Industrial Revolution on global economic, political, societal and environmental challenges. In China the Young Scientists will:

- Connect as a class alongside other Young Scientists
- Benefit from a tailored community programme providing access to a network of policy, business and science leaders
- Participate in the meeting programme alongside more than 2,000 business, political, media, academia and civil society leaders

Within three years of joining the community the Young Scientists will be encouraged to engage in at least one other Forum event or activity such as a community learning module or project, initiatives, or Global Future Council.

## Selection Criteria

Nominations are submitted annually by leading research institutions\*\* selected by the Forum that can vouch for the quality and impact of the candidate's scientific research, in addition to fulfilling the following criteria:

- Aged 39 or younger at the time of nomination
- Experience as a Principal Investigator, group leader or early tenure track professor
- Present a recognized record of research excellence
- Demonstrate a commitment to serve society at large through exceptional contribution
- Show an impeccable public record and good standing in their community
- Available to participate in the China programme from 30 May to 4 June 2020

*\*Young Scientists are provided with accommodation and local transport by the World Economic Forum. The nominating entity is responsible for supporting the flight costs..*

*\*\*Young Scientist candidates must be selected to apply by the designated nominating institution. Self-nomination is not permitted.*

## Selection Process

Selection for the Young Scientists Class of 2020 is based on the candidate's research, motivations for joining the community, and preparedness for engaging with stakeholders beyond the scientific community. Attention is also given to ensuring meaningful diversity across geographies, fields of research, home institutions and gender. Nominees who are not selected will be invited to join the Expert Network, which gathers more than 5,000 leading experts.

Find out more about the [Expert Network](#).

## Nomination and Selection Timeline

### 31 January 2020

Nomination and application period ends.

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### 29 February 2020

The Forum selects the Young Scientists Class of 2020 and informs nominating institutions.

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### Mid-March 2020

Successful candidates are informed and invited to register for the China programme.

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### By 30 May 2020

A press release announces the new class of Young Scientists.

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