

Young Scientists

The Annual Meeting of the New Champions

Each year, the World Economic Forum honours 50 extraordinary scientists under the age of 40 for their contributions to advancing the frontiers of science, engineering and technology and invites them to participate alongside business and political leaders in the Annual Meeting of the New Champions in China. The event gathers 1,500 industry leaders, chief executives of top-ranked multinationals, heads of state/government and ministers, as well as leaders from media, academia and civil society to explore the influence of new business models, industries and technologies in the context of sustainable and inclusive growth.

The Young Scientists are selected from all regions of the world and from a wide range of disciplines to bring value to the Annual Meeting of the New Champions by contributing their scientific perspective and delivering the most up-to-date trends from various fields of science.

During the Meeting, Young Scientists are exposed to the World Economic Forum activities and benefit from a tailored programme where topics such as science policy, entrepreneurship, science communication and ethics are explored. They are given the opportunity to meet with high-level policy leaders, entrepreneurs and science editors in an unusual context. The Annual Meeting of the New Champions is also an opportunity for them to raise public awareness by engaging with peers, non-scientists, as well as decision-makers.

A 2-year journey

Once they have participated in their first Annual Meeting of the New Champions, Young Scientists embark on a two-year journey axed around science communication and career development where they benefit from the support of the World Economic Forum to launch community initiatives or communicate on a specific topic. They are also offered continuous support through our academic and expert networks as well as engagement opportunities with our projects and initiatives. Examples of this include a [publication in scientific journal Nature](#), the development of a Code of Ethics, the organization of a Science Communication Workshop, [Global Future Council](#) memberships etc.

With first-hand experience and learnings, Young Scientists become better communicators with the potential to raise public awareness by engaging more proactively with civil society, rethinking their publications for better outreach and influencing policy-makers for better research outcomes.

Selection

Nominations are submitted yearly by leading research institutions who are partners of the Forum. Candidates must hold a PhD and have a few years of experience as a tenure Researcher and/or Professor. The selection is based on the outstanding quality of their research, how it contributes to improving the state of the world, and the capacity to explain it simply to the broad public.

