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Call for Nominations of Young Scientists as Members of the South African Young Academy of Science

The South African Young Academy of Science (SAYAS), founded in September 2011, is calling for applications for new members. This letter is to request nominations of outstanding young scientists who may be elected as members of SAYAS. In the founding year (2011), 20 young scientists were elected. "In 2015, SAYAS has reached its full membership number of 50. As the founding members have one more year left to serve, the membership of the organization will be 60 members in 2016 only. This year, and in following years, 10 members will be elected per year. After five years of service, members will become alumni and will be replaced by newly elected members.

To qualify for nomination, a candidate should meet the following criteria:

1. Be in possession of a PhD or equivalent degree in any field of scientific enquiry, where science is defined broadly as encompassing natural sciences, social sciences, arts and humanities, medical sciences and engineering;
2. Evidence of scientific excellence through a proven publication record, and receipt of honours and awards;
3. Evidence of activities demonstrating service to society;
4. Be under the age of 40 years and within 7 years from award of a PhD at the time of nomination. Nomination of candidates who deviate from this profile requires additional motivation.
5. Be willing to actively work towards achieving the goals of SAYAS.

Institutions/associations/individuals may nominate more than one candidate. A nomination form with guidelines for nominators, and a background document about SAYAS are attached to this letter. Please assist us in circulating these documents widely.

Applicants are requested to complete the nomination form and send the completed form to Thandi Badugela (thandi@assaf.org.za) by **31 May 2015**. Unfortunately we will be unable to accept any late submissions. Should you require any further information please contact Thandi Badugela on Tel: 012 349 6614.

Yours sincerely,



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