



Annual programme 2025

**Akademiet for yngre forskere
The Young Academy of Norway**

- Promotes science and shapes the knowledge society of the future

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The Young Academy of Norway's (AYF) annual programme for 2025 is in line with and adheres to AYF's objectives and strategy for 2022–2026.

Objectives

The Young Academy of Norway (AYF) is an independent, interdisciplinary, and diverse network for cooperation and the exchange between young researchers. We promote knowledge and independent research, and innovative research dissemination. Promoting and facilitating interaction between researchers, research communities, and society, we strive towards knowledge-based development, both in Norway and around the world.

Goals for 2025

The annual programme for the period January 1st to December 31st, 2025, reflects and concretises the overarching goals of *Community engagement* and *organization* as described in the proposed strategy for 2022–2026:

Community engagement

AYF shall be an important player in research policy and promote of research and the researcher's role in the wider society. We seek to create attractive arenas for science development and communication, and to influence relevant political processes.

AYF shall

- Continue our efforts to shed light on and propose political solutions to improve the conditions for academic freedom both nationally and internationally.
- Follow up and submit comments to key policy proposals and government papers on research and higher education.
- Be an active voice leading up to the Norwegian parliamentary election in 2025.
- Conduct a new national survey on young researchers in Norway and publish a report.
- Host at least one event as part of the Arendalsuka forum, preferably in collaboration with other actors in Norwegian academia, and participate in several events.
- Contribute to policy initiatives and joint statements in the sector in line with AYF's adopted policies.
- Attend seminars and conferences arranged by other young academies.
- Host and continue to develop Young Researchers' Nights at various locations in Norway.
- Organize and host Konkurransen unge forskere/The Norwegian Young Researchers Contest and establish more partnerships for this contest.
- Contribute to the dissemination of research, particularly to children and young people.
- Develop channels for the dissemination of research to the public.

Organization

AYF shall be an attractive and diverse nationwide network for young researchers, and an organization with healthy and sustainable operations.

AYF shall

- Organize four gatherings in different locations in Norway.
- Celebrate our ten-year anniversary.
- Organize at least two open professional meetings, preferably in cooperation with other organisations or institutions.
- Recruit up to ten new members to the Academy (§2.1. in articles of association) and 2-3 international members who work abroad but who are affiliated with a Norwegian research institution (§2.2. in articles of association).
- Collaborate with the Letten Foundation on awarding the Letten Prize 2025 and ensure it reaches as many young researchers as possible, both nationally and internationally.
- Work for visibility and influence throughout Norway.
- Continue AYFs international commitments, among these by being an active cooperation partner with other young academies internationally.
- Attend at least one international conference.
- Explore the possibilities of hosting the ENYA-meeting in 2026.
- Organize at least one alumni event and work to engage alumni more actively in AYF's activities.
- Visit and host open meetings in regions with few members to increase recruitment to AYF from institutions across the country.
- Strive to hold gatherings and activities in an environmentally friendly and sustainable manner.
- Seek additional partnerships and sources of income.