



## Regulations of The Young Academy

*The Board of the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences, in view of the provisions of Article 3.6, paragraph 3, of the Regulations of the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences,*

*having consulted the Board of The Young Academy,*

*has resolved to adopt the following Regulations.*

### Section I Introductory provisions

#### *Article 1 Definitions*

- 1 In these Regulations, the following terms will be understood to have the meanings assigned to them below:
  - a. the Academy: the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences;
  - b. alumnus: a member of The Young Academy whose five-year term of appointment has expired;
  - c. the members of The Young Academy: the members as referred to in Article 3 of the present Regulations;
  - d. the members' meeting of The Young Academy: the joint members of The Young Academy;
  - e. the Board of The Young Academy: the Board as referred to in Article 4.1 of the present Regulations;
  - f. the bureau: the Academy bureau.

### Section II Object and tasks

#### *Article 2. Object and tasks*

- 1 The Academy has set up The Young Academy, consisting of young researchers who have distinguished themselves and who have a wide interest in science and scholarship.
- 2 The Young Academy's object is:
  - a. to bring young researchers actively into contact with disciplines outside their own area of specialisation and with possibilities of conducting interdisciplinary research;
  - b. to encourage young researchers to think strategically about the future of their own discipline, about collaboration with other disciplines, and about science policy;
  - c. to encourage young researchers to communicate their scientific insights to the general public;
  - d. to support young researchers in their progress as such;
  - e. to encourage young researchers to place the Dutch academic context within international frameworks and to urge reflection on the position of foreign young researchers within the Dutch system.
- 3 The Young Academy performs tasks that can contribute to the achievement of its objectives. Persons who are not members of The Young Academy may also be involved in the performance of the tasks.
- 4 The Academy Board will provide The Young Academy, annually, with financial resources and staff support to allow The Young Academy to perform its tasks.



## **Section III The members of The Young Academy**

### *Article 3 The members of The Young Academy*

- 1 The Young Academy will have not more than 50 members.
- 2 Every year, a maximum of ten new members will be appointed by the Academy Board in accordance with the procedure laid down in the Regulations on the selection and appointment of new members of The Young Academy. The Academy Board may decide to change this number on the proposal of the Board of The Young Academy.
- 3 The members will be appointed for a term of five years commencing on 1 April of the year in question. Reappointment is not possible. On expiry of the term of appointment, the member concerned will become an alumnus of The Young Academy.
- 4 The members of The Young Academy jointly comprise the members' meeting. On the proposal of the Board of The Young Academy, the members' meeting may adopt rules to regulate its activities.
- 5 Members may be dismissed by the Academy Board after consultation with the Board of The Young Academy. Members may also submit their resignation by submitting a written statement to that effect to the Academy Board. The Academy Board will inform the Board of The Young Academy accordingly.
- 6 A member may be suspended by the Academy Board after consultation with the Board of The Young Academy.
- 7 Dismissal and suspension by the Academy Board as referred to in paragraphs 5 and 6 of this article may be effected on the following grounds:
  - a. The person concerned has been declared by a court ruling not open to appeal to be incapable of performing juristic acts due to a mental disorder;
  - b. The person concerned has unreasonably damaged The Young Academy and/or the Academy as a result of his or her actions or statements or harmed their good name, or acted contrary to the honour and dignity of a scientific professional. These acts or statements are in any case understood to mean a significant violation of scientific integrity, a significant display of transgressive behaviour and being irrevocably convicted of a crime.

## **Section IV The Board**

### *Article 4.1 Composition, appointment and dismissal*

- 1 The Board of The Young Academy consists of at least three and no more than five members, including the chair and the vice-chair. Appointments to the Board will be made in order to ensure that the members' backgrounds are evenly spread across the different scientific disciplines.
- 2 The chair and the other Board members will be appointed, suspended and dismissed by the Academy Board on the recommendation of the current Board of The Young Academy. The current board of The Young Academy will involve the members of The Young Academy in drawing up its nomination and will inform them of the outcome in accordance with the procedure laid down in Articles 5 and 6 of the Regulations of The Young Academy members' meeting. The chair will be appointed. The Board of The Young Academy will elect a vice-chair from among its members.
- 3 The members of The Young Academy will be eligible for appointment as members of the Board of The Young Academy. The members of the Board of Young Academy may be appointed for a term of no more than two years, commencing on 1 April, and reappointed for a single term of no more than two years, provided that they are members of The Young Academy during the full term of appointment or reappointment, as stated in Article 3, paragraph 3, of these Regulations.
- 4 A member of the Board of The Young Academy Board may be suspended or dismissed by the Academy Board on the recommendation of the current Board of The Young Academy. The current Board of The Young Academy will involve the members of The Young Academy in drawing up its nomination. Suspensions and dismissals may be effected on the following grounds:
  - a. At the request of the person concerned;
  - b. The person concerned has grossly failed to perform his or her administrative duties;



- c. The person concerned has been declared by a court ruling not open to appeal to be incapable of performing juristic acts due to a mental disorder;
  - d. The person concerned has unreasonably damaged The Young Academy and/or the Academy as a result of his or her actions or statements or harmed their good name, or acted contrary to the honour and dignity of a scientific professional. These acts or statements are in any case understood to mean a significant violation of scientific integrity, a significant display of transgressive behaviour and being irrevocably convicted of a crime.
- 5 If an interim vacancy arises on the Board of The Young Academy as a result of death, dismissal or retirement, a new board member will be appointed as soon as possible for the remaining current Board period. In the event of vacancies arising on the Board of The Young Academy, the remaining members of the Board will constitute the Board until the vacancies have been filled.

#### *Article 4.2 Tasks, powers and procedures*

- 1 The Board of The Young Academy is responsible for achieving the object and performing the tasks of The Young Academy as provided in Article 2 of these Regulations.
- 2 When performing its tasks, the Board of The Young Academy will observe the Academy's current rules and guidelines.
- 3 When performing its tasks and exercising its powers, the Board of The Young Academy may consult the members on matters concerning The Young Academy.
- 4 The Board of The Young Academy may independently publish recommendations and opinions of The Young Academy. The Academy Board should be informed in good time of such recommendations and opinions.
- 5 The Board of The Young Academy may adopt standing rules, in so far as the Board considers such necessary, to govern its work activities. The standing rules will be drawn up in accordance with the Academy's rules and guidelines and may not contain provisions which are contrary to the provisions of these Regulations, the Academy's regulations or the law.
- 6 The chair represents The Young Academy. If the chair is absent or unable to act, The Young Academy will be represented by the vice-chair.
- 7 Without prejudice to the responsibility of the Board of The Young Academy as a whole to determine how it fulfils its tasks, the Board of The Young Academy may decide to divide its tasks and/or portfolios internally. This division of tasks will in each case be notified to the Academy Board.
- 8 The Board of The Young Academy will draw up a retirement schedule.

## **Section V Committees**

#### *Article 5 The committees*

- 1 The Young Academy has temporary and permanent committees to advise and assist the Board of The Young Academy.
- 2 The Board of The Young Academy will determine the tasks, composition, working method and term of office of the committees referred to in this article by means of a resolution inaugurating them, after obtaining the approval of the members' meeting of The Young Academy.

## **Section VI Annual plan, budget and annual report**

#### *Article 6 Annual plan, budget and annual report*

- 1 The Board of The Young Academy, assisted by the bureau, will draw up an annual plan by 1 October of each year. The annual plan will provide a description of the substance and details of the proposed activities of The Young Academy for the next year.



- 2 The Board of The Young Academy, assisted by the bureau, will draw up an annual budget relating to the annual plan by 1 October of each year. The budget will in any event contain an estimate of the income and expenditure of The Young Academy.
- 3 The Board of The Young Academy, assisted by the bureau, will draw up an annual report, consisting of a management report and a financial report by 1 April of each year.
- 4 The annual plan, the budget and the annual report of The Young Academy will be submitted to the Academy Board for approval as provided in Article 3.6, paragraph 4, of the Academy's regulations. Before the annual plan, the budget and the annual report are submitted to the Academy Board, they will be submitted to the members' meeting of The Young Academy for discussion. Once approval has been obtained from the Academy Board, the Board of The Young Academy will adopt the annual plan, budget and annual report.

## **Section VII Final and transitional provisions**

### *Article 7.1 Unforeseen cases*

- 1 The Academy Board is empowered to take decisions in all cases not provided for in these Regulations. The Academy Board will consult the Board of The Young Academy before taking a decision.

### *Article 7.2 Citation and effective date*

- 1 These Regulations may be cited as 'Regulations of The Young Academy'.
- 2 These Regulations will take effect on 1 February 2022 and will replace the 'Regulations of The Young Academy' that took effect on 1 March 2005 and were amended in April 2019.

*These regulations were adopted by the Academy Board on 25 January 2022.*

*The Dutch-language version of these Regulations will prevail over any translations thereof.*