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Zimbabwe Young Academy of Sciences

ZIMYAS

To Our **Highly Esteemed Nominating Institute**

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Attention: Head of Institute/Principal/Vice Chancellor

RE: ZIMYAS call for membership nominations

The above matter refers.

Contemporary science must address increasingly complex problems. Such challenges often require participation from investigators with different backgrounds and areas of expertise. Furthermore, scientific progress frequently requires coordination of policies and inputs or support from different sectors of society. Yet, early scientific career development tends to favour academic specialization and focus. Bringing together young scientists from different disciplines, as well as with business, media and government representatives, can compensate for this pressure to differentiate from other disciplines and society. In addition, the exchange of ideas across disciplines and cultures is expected to expand opportunities for scientists, increase scientific capacity and contribute to the development and improvement of the country. The Zimbabwe Young Academy of Sciences (ZIMYAS) will serve as a platform to promote these goals among young scientists and to represent their voice in dialogues of national and international importance.

The call for nominations of young scientists as members of ZIMYAS is now open. Applications are sought from young, independent scholars who combine the highest level of research excellence with a proven passion for delivering impact.

Nominations for membership can be made by the members of ZIMYAS, other National Science Academies, International Science Societies, Funding Agencies, Professional Bodies and other institutions of scientific repute as decided by the General assembly. The overriding aim is to ensure that all meritorious candidates have an opportunity to be nominated.

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
5. Be willing to actively work towards achieving the goals of ZIMYAS.

Institutions/associations/individuals may nominate more than one candidate.

The closing date for the receipt of applications is by Sunday 24 May 2020.

Should you require any further information please contact +263774356999

Applications should be sent by email to zimyasacademy@gmail.com and copied to wgumindoga@eng.uz.ac.zw

Yours Faithfully

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