THE GUTENBERG ACADEMY
FOR YOUNG RESEARCHERS

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The Gutenberg Academy is directed by two speakers and both the senior and junior members groups supply one spokesperson.

OFFICE
The Gutenberg Academy Office is responsible for:
> Information & Consulting on Advancement Opportunities
> Coordination and Organization of Events
> Collaborative Events (esp. GRC and GTC)
> Quality Assurance
> Public Relations
> Financial Procedures

STRUCTURE
Spokesperson:
1 JGU Scholar or Artist
1 JGU Student – Doctoral or Artist

Scholars and Artists of the University (Senior Members)
Doctoral Students and Artists of the University (Junior Members)
Well-known Academic and Public Figures from outside of the University (Mentors)
THE GUTENBERG ACADEMY

INTERDISCIPLINARY EXCHANGE AND ADVANCEMENT AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL

The Gutenberg Academy is an institution that was founded in 2006 to promote the best young researchers and artists of the Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz (JGU).

> The Gutenberg Academy supports up to 25 of JGU’s best young researchers and young artists in the development of their professional careers in the arts and sciences.

> The Gutenberg Academy provides possibilities for exchange with outstanding researchers and artists.

INTERDISCIPLINARY EXCHANGE OF IDEAS

The Academy’s unique status results from the association of scholars from across generations and from different fields of research.

> With its monthly Round Table meetings, the Gutenberg Academy provides an forum to maintain a continuous exchange of interdisciplinary scientific information.

> Free from the constraints that govern academic work at the university as a whole, members benefit from each other by gaining a multi-perspective view of their respective work in one particular subject area and general scientific discourse.

ADVANCEMENT OF YOUNG SCHOLARS

Activities to promote the Academy’s young research talents encompass three dimensions:

> Exclusive support by one of the Academy’s senior members (advisors)

> Mentoring by a well-known academic or public figure outside of the University

> Financial assistance

Senior members take on the role of advisors for junior members and are available as personal contacts. The goal of this personal contact is to provide the opportunity to strengthen the scientific interest and curiosity of junior members and to allow them to profit from the experience and knowledge of senior members.

The mentors promote the junior members in areas outside of the University. Conversation within this mentoring relationship can focus on biographical, professional, specialist and socially relevant issues and topics.

The Academy also funds activities of junior members that support the successful completion of their dissertations and increase their standing within the scientific community.

NETWORKING

Networking within the scientific community is a factor that should not be underestimated in its importance for the development of a scientific career. Not only does the Gutenberg Academy’s mentoring program ensure the differentiation and extension of the University’s network of outstanding researchers from different generations, but it also enables junior members to gain insight into fields and have interaction with others that would otherwise not be possible.

> In this way, the Academy creates a platform for networking within the University that extends beyond departmental boundaries and thus promotes the identification of its members with the University as a whole.

> In particular, the opportunity for networking among the junior members themselves remains a primary element of the Academy that continues to be a benefit even after active membership has ended.

EVENTS

> Welcome Ceremony
> Orientation for new junior members
> Monthly Round Table Meetings (during semester)
> Networking Weekend for junior & senior members
> Study Trip for junior members