



## Institutions

With more than 600 Member institutions from more than 120 countries, the institutional Members are at the heart of the life and work of the International Association of Universities (IAU). The IAU mission is to build a worldwide higher education community by offering a forum and a variety of services to higher education leaders who share common values and interests and who wish to exchange with their peers on issues of global concern. For your institution to become part of the global platform and benefit from IAU services, please complete and return to IAU the completed application form available below.

## Application form

To apply for institutional membership please submit the [Institutional Membership Application](#) Form to Trine Jensen: [t.jensen@iau-aiu.net](mailto:t.jensen@iau-aiu.net). The admission criteria below are strictly applied and please note that an incomplete application form will delay the review process.

### [Institutional Membership Application Form](#)

## Admission criteria

IAU institutional membership is open to institutions whose main objective is higher education and the development of knowledge. Applying Universities and other higher education institutions must:

- be public or private not-for-profit;
- be degree-conferring institutions;
- be recognized by a national competent body or its equivalent;
- have undergone, at the national or regional level, a process of quality assurance or accreditation, or, if such a process does not exist, be a member of a national or regional association of universities.
- be dedicated to the study of several branches of knowledge\*;
- grant at least a three-year, first cycle or undergraduate degree;
- have graduated at least three cohorts\*\*;
- be at the level of higher education, as shown by the active participation of their staff in scientific or scholarly research and by the equipment placed at their disposal;

\*Exceptionally, the Administrative Board, acting under the provisions of Article 4 of the IAU Constitution, may admit institutions of high standing, which are concerned with only one specialized field of knowledge, as long as they meet all the other above-mentioned criteria.

\*\*In order to allow newly established higher education institutions to become actively engaged in the work of IAU, and benefit from the services offered, universities and other HEIs having graduated at least one cohort may be granted **Observer status** until they fulfill the criterion of having graduated three cohorts, at which time they become full Member.

## Benefits

Institutional Membership in IAU includes the following benefits:

- Be associated to the principles and values IAU upholds
- Discount registration fee for IAU Conferences
- Invitation to speak at IAU Conferences
- Right to vote and stand for election as President and as an Administrative Board Member at the Quadrennial General Conferences\*
- Use of IAU logo to indicate affiliation to the Association
- Invitations to participate in activities, workshops, seminars and expert meetings
- Opportunity to participate in IAU Working Groups on priority themes
- IAU Consultation for expert advice in its areas of work
- Eligibility to apply for LEADHER grants (up to 6 grants of 10,000 Euro a year)
- Advanced access to the World Higher Education Database (WHED) Portal and 50 % discount on the International Handbook of Universities (IHU)
- Subscription to IAU quarterly research journal *Higher Education Policy* (HEP)
- Subscription to *IAU Horizons*, a thematic tri-annual magazine debating important higher education issues
- Subscription to the monthly *E-bulletin*, a source of links to higher education policies, opportunities and news worldwide
- Subscription to *Highlights from the Press*, a monthly selection of articles on higher education in the international press
- Advanced access to the International Bibliographic Database on Higher Education (HEDBIB)
- Inclusion of institutional publications in HEDBIB
- Disseminating institutional news on the IAU website in "*News from Members*"
- Internationalization Strategies Advisory Service (ISAS) at a discount rate
- Possibility to become part of the ISAS expert roster
- Discount price for the IAU Global Survey on Internationalization of Higher Education report
- Discount rate for recruiting via *Global Academy Jobs*.

\*This benefit does not apply to IAU Observer institutions.

## Annual Membership Fees

In order to demonstrate solidarity with universities and other HEIs based in low income countries, the IAU institutional membership fee structure is based on a combination of institutional student enrollment and the Gross National Product (GNP) of the country. The financial year at IAU runs from 1 October to 30 September.

Institutions	Low Income Countries	Middle Income Countries	High Income Countries
Less than 1,000 Students	750 € (Euro)	1,050 € (Euro)	1,075 € (Euro)
Between 1,000-5,000 students	1,050 € (Euro)	1,350 € (Euro)	1,450 € (Euro)
Between 5,000-10,000 students	1,450 € (Euro)	1,950 € (Euro)	2,050 € (Euro)
More than 10,000 students	1,900 € (Euro)	2,500 € (Euro)	2,600 € (Euro)

## Application review process

The applications are reviewed at least once a month. If retained for Membership, the head of institution will receive an acceptance letter from the IAU Secretary-General explaining the formalities to complete to finalize Membership. These are:

- Payment of the annual membership fees (statement sent with acceptance letter).
- Signing and sending to IAU the letter of commitment on official institutional letterhead

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