

# 2023-24

## MEMBERSHIP PROSPECTUS

**With membership of Science & Technology Australia**, you'll join a powerful network of more than 115,000 scientists and technologists across Australia. STA's unrivalled membership reach spans the breadth and the depth of the STEM sector. STA is the key connector of people and ideas in Australian STEM, an influential advocate on policy and in the media, and the leading voice of the STEM sector to decision-makers.





# CONTRIBUTE TO STEM LEADERSHIP & SHAPE PUBLIC POLICY IN AUSTRALIA

**Science & Technology Australia is the leading voice for science and technology in Australia.**

Through its 140+ member organisations, the sector's peak body represents more than 115,000 people working in Australian science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

With its unrivalled membership reach, the power of the STA community is that it spans the whole STEM sector in Australia. It connects STEM talent at universities and research institutes, private sector industry, tech transfer and research commercialisation experts, STEM teachers and STEM students.

STA is an influential advocate on public policy, a powerful voice for STEM in the media, the key connector of people and ideas in STEM, and the leading provider of quality training to the STEM sector.

STA convenes the leaders of Australia's STEM sector through our annual leadership dialogue and leads the STEM sector's engagement with Parliamentarians and the public service.

We created the world's largest vehicle for deep engagement between the worlds of STEM and policy – our annual flagship event Science meets Parliament, now in its 24th year. STA also runs a STEM Ambassadors program - open only to STA members – a valuable professional development opportunity.

Crucially, STA is a champion for equity, diversity and inclusion in STEM – and has strong partnerships to support First Nations' talent, leaders and organisations in STEM. Our acclaimed Superstars of STEM program is a game-changing initiative to create visible diverse role models of women in STEM to inspire young talent into STEM careers.

Through our Super STEM training, we equip STEM professionals with expert skills in communications and effective engagement with Government and industry to foster the next generation of STEM leaders.



## Science & Technology Australia's flagship programs include:

### Science meets Parliament:

Connecting 500+ scientists with MPs, Senators, public servants & media

### Superstars of STEM:

Smashing gender stereotypes with diverse, inspiring role models of women in STEM

### Super STEM Communicators:

Unrivalled quality communications training for the STEM and research sector

### STA STEM Ambassadors:

Training STEM professionals as ambassadors for the sector – an exclusive benefit for STA members

### Science Policy Fellows Alumni:

Connecting STEM professionals in the Australian public service to build an influential network

### Parliamentary Friends of Science:

STA organises events and briefings for this large cross-party group of MPs and Senators



## WHY JOIN STA?

**Become part of Australia's leading STEM policy, advocacy and professional network.**

As an STA member, you can access exclusive benefits including:

Contribute to the sector having a strong and unified voice through its influential peak body.

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Have STA work with you to promote your achievements to Parliamentarians and policymakers.

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Attend STEM sector leadership events including the annual STA Leadership Dialogue.

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Access year-round comprehensive policy advocacy on federal issues affecting the STEM sector.

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Receive briefings and detailed analysis on STEM policy settings and consultation opportunities.

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Propose topics for Parliamentary Friends of Science events, which are organised by STA.

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Shape STEM policy through STA as your advocacy voice to key decision-makers and the public.

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Tap into extensive networks across the STEM sector to deepen your alliances and collaborations.  
Seek specialist advice from the STA CEO & team on your advocacy and communications strategies.

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Send up to three delegates to Science meets Parliament at discounted STA member rates.

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Nominate members for the STEM Ambassadors program (an exclusive benefit for STA members).

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Access promotional materials for applicants to STA's game-changing Superstars of STEM program.

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Attend the official launch of National Science Week 2023.

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Access to an STA office nook and meeting room space when visiting Canberra.

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Unlock discounted access to STA's acclaimed Super STEM Communicator workshops.

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Access how-to-guides on social media, membership engagement and running successful events.

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Access equity, diversity and inclusion policy templates to tailor them easily to your organisation.

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Access STA's Member Benefits Program and discounted services including hotel bookings, insurance, commercialisation advice and communications strategy.

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# MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

## Ordinary membership

Ordinary membership is open to STEM professional societies such as the Australian Institute of Physics, the Australian Marine Sciences Association and the Statistical Society of Australia. Ordinary members have voting rights at general meetings, and their members are eligible to stand for the STA Board.

The 2023–24 membership fee for ordinary member organisations is \$9.90 a head (+ GST) for each of the society’s full fee-paying members, capped at 1000 members.

## Affiliate membership

Affiliate membership is open to organisations aligned with the science and technology sector. Affiliates have voting rights at general meetings but their members are not eligible to stand for the STA Board.

### Affiliate category one:

Open to student and youth organisations in STEM.

The 2023–24 membership fee is \$750 + GST

### Affiliate category two:

Open to organisations and companies where members or staff are individuals.

The 2023–24 membership fee is \$6500 + GST

### Affiliate category three:

Open to unions and to industry organisations whose members are not individuals (but are organised bodies).

The 2023–24 membership fee is \$7500 + GST

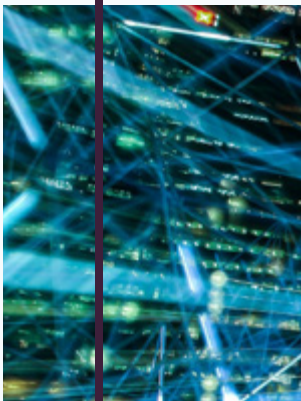
## University membership package

University membership is open to universities who want to package membership across their institution.

- STA Membership for four STEM institutes/STEM faculties (usual cost \$26,000 ex GST)
- Gold Sponsorship of Science meets Parliament 2023 (usual cost \$13,000 ex GST)
- Super STEM Communicator course for up to 30 staff (usual cost \$3,500 ex GST)

Usual cost: \$42,500;

University special rate: \$39,000 + GST in 2023–24



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STA is a unique organisation with unparalleled reach across Australia's STEM sector. We have a membership that is incredibly broad and diverse. We represent people in the publicly-funded research sector – and in the private sector. And – this next bit is key – we also represent the people who connect those two worlds. So in the STEM sector, whether you've just started your first day of a science degree at uni, or you're doing a PhD; whether you are an early or mid-career researcher, or a technology transfer expert; or whether you're one of our eminent Nobel Laureates, STA is your voice, and your community.”

Science & Technology Australia President  
Professor Mark Hutchinson, address to the National Press Club

### Join now

Science & Technology Australia can be your voice advocating to Government, the media and the Australian public – and connecting you into the most powerful network across the STEM sector.

### Find out more

To discuss an application for membership or hear about what STA can do for your organisation, please contact our Events & Membership team:

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