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# Membership Prospectus

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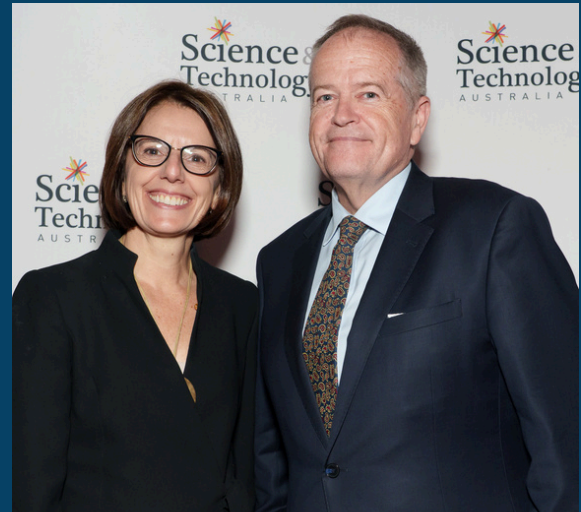
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# About STA

Science & Technology Australia (STA) is the STEM sector's peak body with a membership base of over 140 organisations representing more than 235,000 diverse scientists and technologists. STA is a trusted voice – bringing expertise and evidence to public policy-making, enabling the work of science and technology, and championing diversity and inclusion.



We advance the public good by supporting scientists, technologists, engineers, mathematicians, scientific societies, governments, industry, and the broader community to solve humanity's greatest challenges.



# Why be a member?



**Science & Technology Australia represents its member's interests when advocating with government, engaging industry, interacting with the STEM community, and communicating with the public.**

**We work hard to keep our member's science and technology on the national agenda - working towards economic and environmental, health and social benefits for all Australians.**



# Value Statement

## Policy & Advocacy

- **Representation at government and departmental levels:** Ensure your interests are advocated for by STA at the highest levels.
- **Support for submissions and attendance at Parliamentary Hearings:** Receive guidance and backing for your policy submissions and engagements.
- **Support for your interactions with key stakeholders:** Gain introductions and support in connecting with influential figures.

## Discounted Support Services

- **10% off** the price of STA's Super STEM Workshops.
- **Strategic comms support**, e.g. strategic comms and engagement plans, brand design and engagement etc.
- **Strategic policy and advocacy support**, e.g. in-depth support to progress specific policy or advocacy goals.
- **Bespoke analyses and reports.**
- **Event management.**
- **Ongoing or significant one on one coaching** for submissions and attendance at parliamentary hearings etc.
- Detailed review and support for one parliamentary submission / campaign document per membership year.

## Professional Development

- **Eligibility for STA STEM Ambassador Program:** Connect with Parliamentarians and represent your peers on a national level.
- **Superstars of STEM:** Be recognised as a leader and role model in STEM, enhancing your visibility and career opportunities (not exclusive to STA members).

## Exclusive Access & Events

- **Discount and priority access to Science Meets Parliament (SMP):** Gain front-row access to Australia's premier event connecting scientists with policymakers.
- **Eligibility for Parliamentary meetings during SMP:** Secure direct meetings with parliamentarians to showcase your work and build relationships.
- **Pitch topics and attend Parliamentary Friends of Science:** Share your ideas and collaborate on initiatives with parliamentary supporters of science.
- **Federal Budget and MYEFO detailed briefings:** Stay informed with in-depth federal budget analyses and implications for science and technology.
- **Exclusive annual STA Leadership Dialogue:** Influence STA's key strategic directions.
- Access to briefings and webinars on topical STEM issues.

## Resources and Governance

- **Access to Member Benefits Scheme:** Enjoy discounts on services from numerous providers, saving you money on essential professional and personal services.
- **Access to organisational templates:** Utilise professional templates to streamline your work and enhance your organisation's efficiency.
- **Voting Rights at STA AGM:** Influence the direction of STA by voting on key issues and leadership positions.
- **Nominate for STA Board and Committee positions:** Play a pivotal role in shaping the future of science and technology in Australia.

## Communications & Visibility

- **Access to fortnightly Members Update email:** Stay updated with the latest news, opportunities, and developments across the STEM sector.
- **Promotion of your programs via STA Channels:** Increase the visibility of your initiatives and achievements through STA's established networks.



# Membership Fees

## REPRESENTATIVE

Scientific societies and associations, unions and peak bodies. Membership tier based on number of individuals represented (full financial members not including students, retired or overseas members) not number of organisations/subsidiaries etc.

| TIER  | NUMBER OF MEMBERS | STA MEMBERSHIP FEE (EX GST) |
|-------|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| ONE   | LESS THAN 150     | \$520                       |
| TWO   | 151 - 500         | \$2,050                     |
| THREE | 501 - 1000        | \$5,150                     |
| FOUR  | 1000+             | \$8,300                     |

## PRIVATE

Corporate bodies, SMEs and start-ups\* that conduct, train, enable, support, facilitate and/or commercialise scientific research and technology.

| TIER  | NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES | STA MEMBERSHIP FEE (EX GST) |
|-------|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| ONE   | LESS THAN 20        | \$5,150                     |
| TWO   | 21 - 200            | \$7,250                     |
| THREE | MORE THAN 201       | \$9,300                     |

\*Start-ups in their first two years of operation eligible to request fee reduction

## ACADEMIC

Bodies that conduct, train, enable, support or facilitate academic research. Includes tertiary centres/institutes/faculties/business and executive units and research offices\*, research infrastructure organisations, ARC Centres of Excellence, CRC's, etc.

| SINGLE TIER | STA MEMBERSHIP FEE (EX GST) |
|-------------|-----------------------------|
| ONE         | \$7,250                     |

\*Universities with 4 or more member organisations eligible for blanket 5% discount

## GOVERNMENT

Public knowledge institutions, departmental research agencies, science advisory bodies, funding bodies, regulatory bodies and statutory bodies.

| SINGLE TIER | STA MEMBERSHIP FEE (EX GST) |
|-------------|-----------------------------|
| ONE         | \$7,250                     |

## COMMUNITY

Not for profits, charities and outreach providers.

| TIER | ANNUAL REVENUE     | STA MEMBERSHIP FEE (EX GST) |
|------|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| ONE  | LESS THAN \$1M P/A | \$1,550                     |
| TWO  | MORE THAN \$1M P/A | \$4,650                     |



# Member Testimonials



*"STA keeps members informed about relevant policies and submission opportunities, enabling us to better reach and engage parliamentarians. The highly responsive team makes a genuine effort to understand our organisation and consistently delivers great opportunities to build national connections and strengthen a voice for science". - Preeti Castle, Western Australian Biodiversity Science Institute*

*"STA's commitment to being real innovators in this space is deeply appreciated. Their ongoing support amplifies our collective efforts to empower young people and create a future where all Australians have equal opportunities to thrive in science and technology. We are proud to be a part of an organisation that truly understands the power of inclusion and the vital role that First Nations people must play in shaping the future of STEM". - Corey Tutt, Deadly Science*

*"STA membership has been invaluable for Deadly Coders. It connects us with passionate peers, amplifies our voice in national conversations, and provides opportunities to influence STEM policy. The STA team is deeply committed to member impact, and we're grateful for their support in championing diversity, inclusion, and innovation across the sector." - Andrew Brodie, Deadly Coders*

*"AuScope is proud to be part of the STA community, representing Earth and geospatial science research and NCRIS infrastructure across Australia. We deeply value STA's expertise in advocating for evidence-based, inclusive STEM policy—both with our input and on our behalf. We are inspired by STA's work and are energised by their leadership. Thank you, STA for all you do!" - Jo Condon, AuScope*



# STA membership guide: How to get the most out of your membership

We encourage all members to actively engage with and make the most of your STA membership. From participating in flagship events like Science Meets Parliament and Parliamentary Friends of Science, to networking at in-person events, there are countless ways to get involved. Members can also shape the future of STA through the AGM and Leadership Dialogue, stay informed via webinars and CEO catchups, and contribute to our advocacy through policy submissions. Your voice, presence, and participation helps drive our collective impact.

## Throughout the year

### Exclusive online member events

- Join us for a Members Forum on the first Tuesday of each month (details on [sta.org.au](http://sta.org.au))
- Member webinars

### Have your voice heard

- Offer your professional insights into STA policy submissions. The team can support you to write your own.
- Attend discipline specific briefings - keep the STA team informed

### Discount services

- Access discounts exclusive for STA members

## Fixed dates

### Science Meets Parliament

STA's flagship professional development event, teaching delegates how to engage with government & Parliamentarians.

### Parliamentary Friends of Science

A biannual event that brings STEM experts to APH to brief Parliamentarians on a particular area of interest in STEM.

### In-person networking events (multi city)

Held across multiple capital cities, these are an opportunity to network with STA staff and board as well as other STA members.

### AGM

STA's annual general meeting. Vote for board members,

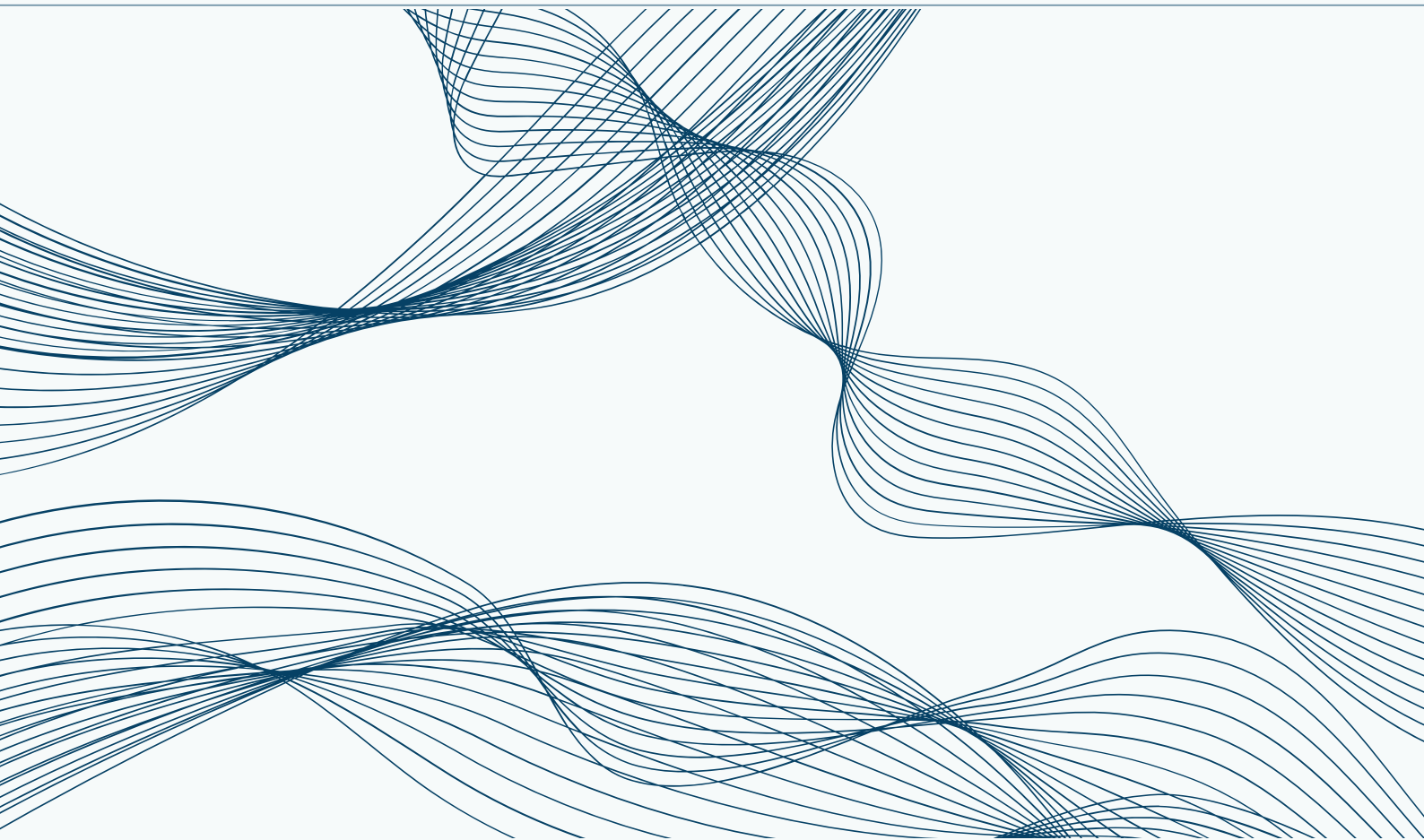
### Federal Budget briefing

An online briefing of any STEM related areas of importance of the Federal Budget. We read the budget papers so you don't have to!

### Leadership dialogue

An opportunity for leaders across the STA membership to help determine STA's priorities for the next 12 months.





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