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## **National Postdoctoral Association (NPA) Affiliate Membership Sign-Up Instructions**

As a Sustaining Member of the NPA, postdoctoral scholars, faculty and administrators at your organization (limit of five for societies and associations) are entitled to a free NPA Affiliate Membership. **Here are instructions for signing up:**

**Step 1:** Go to <https://www.npacommunity.org/> and click on “Join” in the upper right corner.

**Step 2:** Select your member type:

- Affiliate Graduate Student  
*Free individual membership for graduate students at Sustaining Member institutions*
- Affiliate Postdoc  
*Free individual membership for postdocs at Sustaining Member institutions*
- Affiliate Non-Postdoc/Other  
*Free membership for non-postdocs or non-graduate students at Sustaining Member institutions*

**Step 3:** Enter your username (your institutional e-mail address), along with your first and last name. To receive a free affiliate membership, you must use your institutional e-mail address.

**Step 4:** Enter all required information (marked with an asterisk) and any other information that you wish to have in your profile. The required information includes your username, e-mail address, gender and full name. You will also need to create a password for your account. Your password must be a minimum of six (6) characters in length and contain at least one number and one non-numeric character (letters, punctuation, etc.).

**Please Note:** All information entered will be visible to site administrators. If you wish for information to be excluded from your public profile (as seen by other site visitors), uncheck the box(es) next to the field(s) you wish to be hidden. If you uncheck the box next to “e-mail address” it will not be displayed, but members can still contact you via e-mail through the site's e-mail system.

**Step 5:** Click on “Submit.” Congratulations - you’re done! The NPA Membership Manager will review your Affiliate Membership within 10 working days, and you will receive an e-mail when it has been approved.

### Membership Option 1: Full Individual Membership

Full Members are dues paying members. A one year membership to the NPA is \$35, but you can also elect to pay for two years in advance for \$60. Remember that membership to scientific organizations can be paid from your PDA accounts. **In addition to the Affiliate membership benefits**, Full membership benefits include:

- **Voting rights** in all NPA elections and NPA ballot issues
- **Additional discounts** including discounts through Zipcars
- **Leadership opportunities** to serve as chair/vice chair of NPA committees
- **Eligibility** to serve on the NPA Board of Directors
- Most importantly as a full member, you are **showing your support of the NPA mission** by your dues as the NPA is a dues-supported organization.

### Membership Option 2: AAAS-NPA Joint Membership

The cost for joint AAAS-NPA Joint Membership is \$119. To learn more about this membership or to join as a joint AAAS-NPA member, please follow this link: [http://promo.aaas.org/kn\\_marketing/join\\_npa.html](http://promo.aaas.org/kn_marketing/join_npa.html).

### Membership Option 3: NOGLSTP-NPA Joint Membership

The National Organization of Gay and Lesbian Scientists and Technical Professionals (NOGLSTP) is a national organization of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people (and their advocates) employed or interested in scientific or high technology fields. As a joint **NOGLSTP-NPA member you will receive all the benefits of NPA full members in addition to the following additional benefits:**

- **Subscriptions** to the quarterly newsletter, NOGLSTP Bulletin
- **Access** to and permission to reproduce/distribute NOGLSTP copyrighted materials
- **Networking opportunities** with other NOGLSTP members via our membership roster and discussion e-list
- **Mentoring** and protégé opportunities via our NOGLSTP Mentoring Project affiliation with MentorNet®
- **Organizational** and (modest) **financial support** for local NOGLSTP activities you organize
- An **open invitation** to attend any reception or meet and greet we sponsor in your locale
- An **opportunity to participate** in NOGLSTP governance, leadership, and infrastructure.

The cost for joint NOGLSTP-NPA Joint Membership is \$45 and you can choose this option when applying for Full NPA membership as outlined above.

### Membership Option 4: Free Affiliate Membership

You can select Affiliate membership which is free to all postdocs (at Sustaining Member institutions) and includes the following benefits:

- **Subscriptions** to NPA E-Alerts, a periodic news announcement, and the *POSTDOCKET*, the NPA's official quarterly newsletter
- **Reduced registration fees** to the NPA Annual Meeting
- **Eligibility** for the NPA Travel Award Program
- **Access to members-only NPA Web content** including valuable career development resources, the Institutional Postdoctoral Policies Database, The Postdoctoral Association (PDA) Toolkit, and the International Postdoc Survival Guide
- **Discounts** on some services and products
- **Professional & Leadership Development** including opportunities to serve and contribute your expertise on a variety of NPA committees
- **Networking** opportunities with colleagues nationwide
- **National representation** on postdoctoral issues.