

ACADEMIC MEMBERSHIP

Academia and the business world...how can they help each other?

Academia has always had much to offer the business world: new vision and ideas, the showcasing of cutting-edge technology, and developing new solutions to problems. The business world has the procedures, practices, and funding to utilize all of these ideas and projects that academia has to offer. Now the two can work together to create a more streamlined and innovative approach to today's business issues.

The Open Group has established two membership categories, the **Academic Membership** and the **Distinguished Academic Membership**. The involvement of academia with the activities of The Open Group provides a number of benefits for our members:

- The Open Group's members gain visibility, an opportunity for organizational promotion in the academic field, the ability to shape academic research in the business world, and access to the advantages of academia, such as intensive research and design, experimental technologies, and new concepts and ideas

The Open Group's Forums provide an unequalled forum for the exchange of information between buyers and suppliers, and the integration of academia will serve to significantly increase the benefits to our members at little additional cost.

Benefits

The benefits of the **Academic Membership** include:

- A one-year membership in The Open Group
- Access to all Program Groups. The member may participate in all group activities, deliver presentations, showcase technology, and present papers
- Opportunity to submit papers for publication through The Open Group's on-line catalog
- Attend The Open Group Conferences at the standard member fee

The benefits of the **Distinguished Academic Membership** include:

- All the benefits of the Academic Membership (above)
- Voting Privileges in any **one** Program Group.

Holders of these memberships must be on the faculty and academic staff of an accredited university, college, or technical institution.