

SC² Membership Categories

Rationale

SC² seeks members representing diverse scientific, academic, or professional disciplines, societal concerns, and information needs who agree to engage with SC² in a respectful, mindful, constructive manner to achieve the group's core goals and objectives. Members are expected to have differing levels of commitment and engagement with SC² according to their availability, motivation, and interests. With the goal of facilitating broader collaboration with members encompassing this inherent diversity, SC² defines three broad types of membership, from which potential members are intended to self-select:

Full Members – Active leaders of SC² guiding the direction and activities of the nonprofit and producing key products and services

This category of membership is intended to engage researchers or practitioners who are motivated and able to take a leadership role in developing and shaping SC² direction and its research, products and outreach/engagement activities.

- Regularly attend SC² meetings
- Lead, and generate funding for, interdisciplinary SC² projects or projects within area of discipline
- Regularly lead or participate in outreach/engagement activities fostered by SC², including writing of reports and press releases
- Serve on SC² administrative committees (e.g. serve on Board, or in other leadership positions)
- Actively participate in strategic planning activities and development of work plans
- Vote on new Full and Affiliate members
- Eligible for SC² Board of Directors
- Vote for SC² Board of Directors

Affiliate Members – Active producers of products and services relevant to, or supportive of, SC² interests

This category is intended to engage researchers or practitioners who have limited time or motivation to take a leadership role in SC² but want their work to be formally affiliated with the group.

- Attend SC² meetings from time to time
- Collaborate on SC² research projects on a case-by-case basis
- Share research results or products from the Affiliate Member's own research projects as appropriate
- Participate in SC² outreach activities on a case-by-case basis
- Vote on new Affiliate members

Community Mentors – Active consumers of SC² products and services who want to stay informed of the nonprofit's ongoing activities and provide guidance and direction to SC²

This category is intended to engage stakeholders who already collaborate with SC² but want to stay informed of the group's core activities, and establish a more formal advisory relationship with SC².

- Receive regular information from SC² on current projects and outreach/engagement activities and products
- Attend SC² meetings and events from time to time
- Lend support for fundraising or other needs of the nonprofit
- Serve in an advisory role on the design of projects and outreach/engagement activities where appropriate
- Provide funding for, or collaborate on, the development of SC² efforts of interest from time to time
- Serve in an advisory role to SC² members and the Board of Directors

Approval Process for New Members

Full Members – Active drivers of SC² direction and producers of SC² products

- Two Full Members must support the nomination of a candidate.
- Once nominated, the Board shall facilitate a process to meet with the candidate, discuss candidate amongst SC² membership and vote to approve/not approve the candidate within 60 days.
- Candidate must receive two-thirds majority from the Full Members* voting at the end of the process.

Affiliate Members – Active producers of products relevant or supportive of SC² interests

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- Candidate must receive a simple majority from Full* and Affiliate* Members voting at the end of the process.

Community Mentors – Active consumers of SC² products who want to provide insights and direction to SC² in a focused and time-limited capacity

- Interested candidates are invited to make a request to the Board to join as a Community Mentors.
- A majority Board vote is necessary to be approved.

Moving Between Membership Levels

- Members can transfer to categories with lesser requirements without a vote (e.g. transferring from Full Member to Affiliate Member does not require a vote.)

* indicates an assumption of “those present.