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 \( SC^2 \) direction and producers of \( SC^2 \) 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 \( SC^2 \) 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 \( SC^2 \) interests
- 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 \( SC^2 \) membership and vote to approve/not approve the candidate within 60 days.
- Candidate must receive a simple majority from Full\(^*\) and Affiliate\(^*\) Members voting at the end of the process.

Community Mentors – Active consumers of \( SC^2 \) products who want to provide insights and direction to \( SC^2 \) 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.”