

# FAQs on Membership

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## *1. What are the benefits of SCS membership?*

The SCS membership benefits include:

- Reduced conference registration fees
- The new M&S Newsletter, Cumulative Index and the SCS M&S Magazine that have been re-invigorated
- A new web site that definitely represents a great improvement in the way SCS can communicate with its members
- A new membership system, implemented with the aim of having complete information about our members so that we can provide more personalized services and information (renewal notices, conference announcements, call for papers, etc.). This new system allows editing/updating contact information and profile as well as selecting areas of interest in M&S, and facilitating collaborations between members.
- Additionally, for Premier/Professional members online Access/Hard Copy versions to SCS Journals have been provided.

A full list of membership benefits can be obtained at <http://www.scs.org/membership>. A membership benefits matrix can be found at <http://www.scs.org/membership/matrix>.

## *2. How can I join SCS?*

A membership application form and conference registration forms are available at the web site (<http://www.scs.org/membership>) or have been updated to PDFs that are fillable, digitally signable, and printable/emailable via simple one-click buttons.

## *3. How can I renew my SCS membership?*

Thanks to the new membership system, starting in May 2010 renewal messages are being sent automatically to members whose membership lapses. Also, a renewal link is available at the <http://www.scs.org/membership/renew>, with step-by-step instructions; a hard-copy form can be found at [http://www.scs.org/upload/documents/Member\\_App.pdf](http://www.scs.org/upload/documents/Member_App.pdf).

## *4. How can I access the Membership system?*

A direct link to the membership system is available at <http://www.scs.org>. You can type in your primary email address to verify that you already have an account with us. If you do not already have an account, you'll be redirected to the "New Visitor Registration" page where you'll need to create a new profile and set up your login credentials.

## *5. What membership grades does SCS offer?*

Currently, the membership grades are: Life Member, Fellow, Senior Member, Regular Member, Retired Member, Student Member, Associate Member, Local Chapter Member, and Institutional Member.

Life and Fellow membership grades require nomination, so for a Regular member the following options apply:

- A regular member may become Professional/Premier Member by paying an extra fee to get Online Access/Hard Copy versions to SCS Journals (SIMULATION and the Journal of Defense Modeling & Simulation).
- A regular member may apply for Senior Membership. This distinguished grade recognizes member's experience and qualifications.

A full list of membership benefits depending on membership grade can be obtained at <http://www.scs.org/membership>. A membership benefits matrix can be found at <http://www.scs.org/membership/matrix>.

Membership grades are currently under consideration by the GOV Committee. In case there are any changes approved by the BoD they would be posted in the SCS web site.

#### ***6. Who can apply for the Senior Membership grade and how?***

Senior membership grade is aimed at recognizing member's experience. In order to be eligible for this grade, a Regular Member must meet the following qualifications:

- Ten years professional level experience in modeling & simulation and allied computer and information sciences and engineering. Up to four years of credit toward meeting this requirement may be allowed for undergraduate study in an appropriate field of science, engineering, or mathematics at an accredited institution of higher learning.
- Up to four years of additional credit may be allowed for graduate study at such institutions.
- Demonstrated competence in the modeling & simulation field which may be demonstrated in some of the following ways:
  - a) Establishment of a professional reputation in the field.
  - b) Progressively more responsible positions in the field of modeling & simulation and allied computer and information sciences and engineering.
  - c) Contribution to technical advances in the field through professional publications.
  - d) Teaching of professional level courses in the field.
  - e) Participation in professional society activities.

Applications for Senior Grade will be evaluated by the Membership Board. The Senior Membership application form is available at:

[http://www.scs.org/upload/documents/Senior\\_Member.pdf](http://www.scs.org/upload/documents/Senior_Member.pdf)

#### ***7. I registered for an SCS conference. Do I automatically become an SCS member?***

Reduced conference registration fees are one of the membership benefits. Actually, it is less expensive to become an SCS member than to pay the non-member registration fee. However, we separate membership from conference registrations. Our aim is that current members feel proud to be part of an active Society and benefit from all the new membership services, not only conferences.

## **Student Chapters**

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#### ***8. How can a Student Chapter be formed?***

The interested students and their Academic Mentor (the Student Chapter Coordinator) need to write their Bylaws and submit it to the AVP, Membership for SCS Student Chapters. The Academic Mentor needs to be a member of SCS and at least three officers of each Student Chapter need to be student members; the members of the Student Chapters are encouraged to be student members of SCS. Detailed instructions are available at <http://www.scs.org/chapters>

#### ***9. What are the benefits of an SCS Student Chapter?***

The benefits of an SCS Student Chapter include:

- Being part of an international platform to organize activities to disseminate and acquire knowledge of the theory and practice of all aspects of modeling and simulation, its applications, allied branches of engineering or the related arts and sciences, as well as the academic and professional development of members.
- Have the opportunity to share the news about the activities of the Student Chapter with the members of SCS via the SCS M&S Newsletter.
- Benefit from the SCS Distinguished Lectureship Program which is aimed at providing distinguished lecturers who are authorities in modeling and simulation theory, applications and related disciplines, to SCS regional and technical chapters and councils as well as to student chapters.

A full list of benefits can be obtained at <http://www.scs.org/chapters>.