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If your institution is a sustaining member of the NPA, you are entitled to free affiliate NPA membership. **Here are instructions for signing up.**

Step 1: Create a MyNPA account.

- a) [Follow this link](#) and enter your institutional e-mail. That's important! To receive a free affiliate membership, you must use your institutional e-mail address.
- b) Enter all required information (marked with a small R) and any other information that you wish to have in your profile. The required information includes your name, work address, phone, and e-mail, your discipline, area of study, and U.S. Citizenship status (citizen, permanent resident, temporary visa). You will also need to create a password for your account.
- c) Click on "Create Account & Enter Your Organization Information." Your organization should come up. Select your organization and then click on "Continue." (If your university does not come up, please contact the NPA staff at 202-326-6427.)
- d) If you see a page titled "Primary Contact," scroll down to the bottom of the page and click on "I am an employee" and then on "Add me as an employee."
- e) At the bottom of the next page, click "Finish." Your account information should now appear on the screen. If you want to change any information, simply click on "Edit Information."

Step 2: Go shopping!

- a) Look for the "Online Store" link to the left of your information and follow that link.
- b) Select "Request for Free Affiliate Membership" to become a free affiliate member. You could also choose to become a full, individual member for \$35 a year, a joint NOGLSTP-NPA member for \$45 a year, or a joint AAAS-NPA member for \$119 a year (postdocs only). (See more information about membership options following these instructions.)
- c) Follow the instructions for whichever membership type you select. For Affiliate Membership, continue to follow these instructions.
- d) At the bottom of the Request for Free Affiliate Membership page, select your membership category, "Graduate Student, Postdoc, or Other/Nonpostdoc."
- e) Click on "Add to Cart." Then click "Check out" and "Submit Order." *Congratulations- you're done!*
- f) The NPA staff will review your request for Affiliate Membership. Within 5 to 10 business days, you will receive confirmation that your membership has been approved, or instructions on what to do if it has not been. The most common reason for denial is that a person did not use their institutional e-mail address, which is how we verify institutional affiliation.

Membership Option 1: Free Affiliate Membership

You can select affiliate membership which is free to all postdocs 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** to 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.

Membership Option 2: Full membership

The next level up from affiliate membership is full 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 member benefits**, full membership benefits include:

- Voting rights** in all NPA elections and NPA ballot issues;
 - Additional discounts** including discounts through partner organizations such as Zipcars, StuffBak, Wiley & Sons, and Cold Harbor Laboratory Press;
 - Leadership opportunities** to serve as chair/vice chair of NPA committees or as diversity/international officers;
 - 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 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: AAAS-NPA Joint Membership for Postdocs Only

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.