

## Membership Policy

FIRN offers different levels of membership to accommodate the levels of involvement prospective members wish to have and to take into account budget constraints that might exist.

### 1. Founding Members

Founding members are the individuals listed in the initial ARC Network Application registered under Project ID RN0460246 in the ARC GAMS who have signed the documents entitled 'Certification of Membership according to the document ARC Research Networks Funding Rules for Funding commencing in 2004' and 'Certification – ARC Research Network'. Attachment 1 includes the complete list.

Founding members:

- are eligible to apply for positions in the FIRN governance structure
- are entitled to submit proposals under FIRN's various programmes
- have access to the full array of FIRN benefits
- are eligible to recommend staff members for Associate Membership
- are entitled to state in their CV 'FIRN Founding Member'.

### 2. Founding Member Institutions

Founding Member Institutions are the Departments/Schools/Organisations of the Founding Members as listed in attachment 1 at the time of the initial ARC Network application whose representative has signed the document 'Certification – ARC Research Network'.

Founding member institutions:

- have an obligation to make the institutional contributions as listed in the certification document and as approved by the FIRN Executive Committee
- are entitled to benefit from FIRN support through approved proposals
- are entitled to scholarships for various FIRN activities for their younger researchers who qualify according to the selection criteria currently in place.

Staff members, other than Founding Members, of Founding Member Institutions are eligible to apply for an Associate Membership (see below for application procedure).

PhD students and younger researchers (FIRN will use the ARC definition of younger researcher as someone within five years of completion of a PhD) of Founding Member Institutions are eligible to apply for:

Financial Integrity Research Network – An ARC Research Network  
University of Technology Sydney  
PO Box 123 +++ Broadway NSW 2007 +++ Australia  
Tel. +61 2 9514 7737 +++ Fax +61 2 9514 7722  
[www.firn.net.au](http://www.firn.net.au)

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- scholarships that may be available for the various FIRN activities
- access to FIRN seminars and workshops
- registration fee for FIRN seminars and workshops to be waived.

The number of scholarships and other benefits per person per year will be limited and the allocation decided by the Executive Committee.

### 3. Individual Associate Membership

Founding Member Institutions who have committed cash contributions can nominate Associate Members from their Department/School. The number of such members will be determined by the Executive Committee as a function of the annual institutional cash contributions and research interests of the applicants. Founding Member Institutions who wish to nominate more Associate Members than their allocated quota will be asked to make further institutional cash contributions.

Individuals should formally apply through their FIRN local co-ordinator. The application will be considered and decided upon by the FIRN Executive Committee. Associate Members are:

- entitled to benefit from FIRN support through approved proposals
- eligible to apply for positions in the FIRN governance structure
- entitled to submit proposals under FIRN's various programmes.

### 4. Institutional Associate Membership

Institutions may also apply for Institutional Associate Membership. The amount of cash and in-kind contributions expected from such members will be decided by the Executive Committee in light of the Institution's research profile and the number of members the applicant institution wishes to bring into the network. Members of such institutions that are admitted will be known as Associate Members.

### 5. Affiliate Membership

FIRN offers an Affiliate Membership for individual members of institutions that cannot commit to cash contributions. Affiliate members are:

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- entitled to receive the FIRN Newsletter
- entitled to request access to FIRN channels of communication e.g. to promote events or post job vacancies on the FIRN website
- entitled to apply for scholarships for PhD students they are supervising (students of Founding Member Institutions and Associate Members will be treated with preference).

### 6. Individual Industry Memberships

FIRN offers an Individual Industry Membership for individuals for an annual fee (cf the current membership fee schedule for details). This membership entitles the individual:

- to benefit from the membership discount for three FIRN events
- to receive the newsletter
- to submit proposals under FIRN's various programmes.

### 7. Corporate Industry Memberships

FIRN offers an industry membership for organisations for an annual fee (cf the current membership fee schedule for details). This membership entitles the corporate industry member:

- to benefit from the membership discount for up to five FIRN events and for up to ten staff members
- to receive the newsletter.

### 8. Membership criteria for Individual Memberships

In assessing applications for Individual Memberships (Associate and Affiliate) the EC will consider the following criteria:

- Active research agenda
- Relevant publications
- Links to industry
- Links to other researchers (Australian and international)
- Research grant success
- Record of initiating research projects.

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### 9. Membership criteria for Institutional Membership

In assessing applications for Institutional Membership the EC will consider the following criteria:

- Active research groups in areas related to FIRN activities
- Links to other research institutions (Australian and international)
- Research grant success
- Commitment to make an appropriate time investment.

### 10. Application Procedure

Applications for Individual Membership (Associate or Affiliate) to include:

- Contact details
- Statements against membership criteria
- CV
- Number of current PhD students supervised
- Letter of recommendation from Local Co-ordinator or other FIRN member
- Declaration of willingness to dedicate an appropriate amount of time to FIRN activities.

Applications for Individual Membership have to be submitted through the Local Coordinator and countersigned by the Head of School/Department or the immediate supervisor.

Applications for Institutional Membership to include

- Contact details
- Statements against membership criteria
- Profile of the institution (number of members, number of PhD students and younger researchers, research interests, and FIRN related activities)
- List of individuals whom the applicant wants to bring into the network
- Nomination for a Local Co-ordinator and a CV of this person.

Applications for Institutional Membership have to be submitted through the Head of School/Department and countersigned by the Dean and a representative of the Research Office.

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Applications for Industry Membership to include

- Contact details
- Statements against membership criteria
- Profile of the organisation (number of members, FIRN related activities)
- List of individuals whom the applicant wants to bring into the network.

Applications can be submitted through the applicant and have to be countersigned by the CEO or equivalent.

The FIRN Executive Committee will decide on the merits of each application. New members will be announced in the FIRN Newsletter.

Applications should be sent to  
FIRN @ The School of Finance and Economics  
University of Technology Sydney  
Attention: Andrea Schnauffer  
PO Box 123  
Broadway NSW 2007  
Or email [firn@uts.edu.au](mailto:firn@uts.edu.au)