

## Membership Application—Science Center and Museum Members

ASTC’s **Science Center and Museum** members are nonprofit centers, museums, zoos, gardens, aquariums, planetariums, and similar organizations that are currently open to the public.

Other organizations that support ASTC’s purpose—and share its commitment to diversity, accessibility, inclusion, and equity—but that are not and do not operate science centers or museums are encouraged to join ASTC as **Allied** members.

### SCIENCE CENTER AND MUSEUM ELIGIBILITY

Does your organization:

- Identify as a center, museum, zoo, garden, aquarium, or planetarium, either as an independent nonprofit institution or as a unit of a larger nonprofit organization, university, or government agency?  Yes  No
- Agree with the statement below?  Yes  No

**Science is a human endeavor that uses scientific methods, observations, and experimentation to develop explanations of the natural world; scientific theories are grounded in and compatible with evidence internally consistent, and demonstrably effective in explaining a wide variety of phenomena; science is based on scientific methods, scientific observation, experimentation, and many thousands of peer-reviewed publications; and the development of technology has always, and continues to, depend on scientific research and human ingenuity.**
- Provide exhibits, programs, or activities related to one or more scientific disciplines or topics such as physical, biological, natural, and social sciences; technology; engineering; mathematics; medicine and health; trans-disciplinary problem-solving; etc.?  Yes  No
- Operate one or more physical sites staffed and open to the public during substantive, regular, and predictable hours?  Yes  No
- Use an array of science-learning, science-communication, and science-engagement methods, approaches, and techniques, such as experiential, tactile, and kinesthetic exhibits; participatory programs; hands-on activities; community dialogue/deliberation programs; or inquiry-based learning?  Yes  No
- Share ASTC’s commitment to diversity, accessibility, inclusion, and equity?  Yes  No
- Serve as a resource for a community’s science learning and engagement needs?  Yes  No

**INSTITUTION**

Institution Name (as you would like it to be listed):

Street Address:

City:

State/Province:

Postal Code:

Country:

Website:

General Telephone Number:

General Email Address:

How did you learn about ASTC?

**CONTACTS**

*Primary Contact*

Name:

Title (Executive Director, President CEO, etc.):

Telephone Number:

Email Address:

*Staff Development/Human Resources Contact (if different than Primary Contact)*

Name:

Title:

Email Address:

*Marketing/Communications Contact (if different than Primary Contact)*

Name:

Title:

Email Address:

**GENERAL**

Is your institution nonprofit?

Yes  No

Does the science center or museum applying for ASTC membership

- Operate solely for public benefit?
- Have a board of directors or trustees as its governing authority?

Yes  No

Yes  No

How would you describe your institution's governing authority? Select one.

<input type="checkbox"/> Municipal	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal/National	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Nonprofit
<input type="checkbox"/> County/Regional	<input type="checkbox"/> Tribal	<input type="checkbox"/> For-profit
<input type="checkbox"/> State/Provincial	<input type="checkbox"/> College/University	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:

What year did you **first** open to the public?

Overall, how would you categorize your institution? (Please check **only one**.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> ScienceCenter/Museum*             | <input type="checkbox"/> Natural History Museum  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aquarium/Marine Biology Institute | <input type="checkbox"/> Nature Center           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art Museum                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Planetarium/Observatory |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Botanical Garden/Arboretum        | <input type="checkbox"/> Specialized Museum      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Children's/Youth Museum           | <input type="checkbox"/> Visitor Center          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Museum                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Zoological Park         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic House/Site               | <input type="checkbox"/> Other:                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> History Museum                    |  |

\*If Science Center/Museum is selected above, please choose one of the following:

- Health/Medical Science Museum
- Multidisciplinary Science and Technology Center or Museum
- Space/Aviation Museum

**PROFILE**

*Staff*

Number of full-time paid staff:

Number of part-time paid staff:

Full-time equivalent of part-time staff:

Number of volunteer staff:

Hours contributed by volunteers:

*Financial*

Currency (USD, EUR, etc.):

Ending date of most recently completed fiscal year:

Total operating income\* in most recently completed fiscal year:

Total operating expenses in that year:

*\*Operating income includes all earned revenue including gross revenue from all museum operations, all private and public support, all restricted and unrestricted grants, and all interest and endowment income.*

*Facilities*

Measurements in:  square feet       square meters

Total space:

Indoor exhibit space:

Outdoor exhibit space:

Are there major capital expansions/improvements planned for the next two years?  Yes  No

If yes, please describe briefly, including estimated opening date

Check all of the institution's features below:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Auditorium                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Making/Tinkering Space               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Branch Facilities (please describe) | <input type="checkbox"/> Motion Simulator(s)                  |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Museum Store                         |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> operated by the institution Nature   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Lab                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Trails                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Discovery Room                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Observatory                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food Service Area (restaurant)      | <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor Science Park/Exhibit Area    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> operated by the institution         | <input type="checkbox"/> Simulator                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Large-Screen Theater                | <input type="checkbox"/> Special Areas for Preschool Children |
| number of seats:   | <input type="checkbox"/> Virtual Reality                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Library                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Other:                               |

*Attendance*

(Please use data from your most recently completed fiscal year.)

Total attendance:

Onsite attendance:

Offsite attendance:

*Members*

Number of households that currently are members of your organization:

**PROGRAMS**

Check all of the institution's educational programs below:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Afterschool Programs       | <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher Education Workshops               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Programs             | <input type="checkbox"/> Travel Programs/Expeditions               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Camp-In Programs           | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Employment Programs                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Classes and Demonstrations | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Enrichment Programs (clubs/classes) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Curriculum Materials       | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Volunteer Programs                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Field Trips                | <input type="checkbox"/> Van Programs/Mobile Units                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> School Outreach            | <input type="checkbox"/> Virtual Visits                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Science Camps              | <input type="checkbox"/> Other                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Science Kits and Curricula |  |

## MARKETPLACE

ASTC offers its members the opportunity to be included in a free online products and services list. If your institution offers these to other organizations and would like to be included, please select up to three of the following.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Educational Materials                | <input type="checkbox"/> Motion Simulators                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Educational Programs                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Multimedia/Audiovisual Production Services  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Exhibit Fabrication                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Multimedia, Projection, and Audio Equipment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Exhibit Planning and/or Design       | <input type="checkbox"/> Museum Electronics                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Exhibition Promoter & Producer       | <input type="checkbox"/> Museum Marketing                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Exhibition Rental/Purchase           | <input type="checkbox"/> Museum Shop Merchandise (wholesale)         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fabrication Management               | <input type="checkbox"/> Planetarium Shows and Materials             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising/Development Consultation | <input type="checkbox"/> Research and Evaluation                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Interactive Technology/Products      | <input type="checkbox"/> Restaurant Consulting                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Large-Format Films                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Theatrical Science Shows                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Management Consulting                | <input type="checkbox"/> Usability Research/Consulting               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Membership Materials/Marketing       |  |

## COMMUNICATIONS

ASTC is committed to providing its members with time-sensitive and up-to-date information on issues of importance to the science center field. So that your institution may benefit from these services, we request permission to send you and/or your staff timely printed or e-mail communications, such as the *Informer* newsletter, annual conference announcements, and notices of funding, professional-development, networking, and other opportunities. Please indicate your institution's acceptance by checking the box below.

- As a benefit of membership, I and my staff consent to receive ASTC email communications, and to ASTC storing and processing my contact and membership data in order to maintain communications with me. I understand that I and my staff may unsubscribe from any subscription at any time by using the "unsubscribe" link provided at the bottom of each email or by writing to [info@astc.org](mailto:info@astc.org), and that I can view ASTC's privacy policy on its website at any time.

## SUPPORTING MATERIALS

Please send the following materials (if available) for review:

- Most recently published annual report
- List of principal staff, with job title, email address and brief biographical sketch
- Photographs of the institution's exterior, interior, and major exhibitions
- Building map or floor plan
- Recent press clippings
- Most recent audited financial statement
- Brochures and other descriptive materials about the institution's exhibits, programs, and facilities

## DUES

ASTC memberships for Science Center and Museum members run from January 1 through December 31 each year. All Science Center and Museum members receive a renewal invoice at the beginning of the year.

Dues are assessed based on an organization’s annual operating income, in its most recently completed fiscal year.

For institutions joining ASTC at other times of the year, annual dues are prorated.

Dues are in U.S. Dollars (USD). The following dues are valid through September 30, 2020.

Annual operating income includes all earned revenue including gross revenue from all museum operations, all private and public support, all restricted and unrestricted grants, and all interest and endowment income.

Annual Operating Income (in USD)	When joining in . . .			
	December 2019*	January– March 2020	April–June 2020	July–November 2020
\$20 million or more	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$5,625.00	\$3,750.00
\$15 million - 20 million	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00	\$4,125.00	\$2,750.00
\$10 million - 15 million	\$4,800.00	\$4,800.00	\$3,600.00	\$2,400.00
\$5 million - 10 million	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,000.00
\$3 million - 5 million	\$2,600.00	\$2,600.00	\$1,950.00	\$1,300.00
\$1 million - 3 million	\$1,300.00	\$1,300.00	\$ 975.00	\$ 650.00
\$500,000 - 1 million	\$ 950.00	\$ 950.00	\$ 712.50	\$ 475.00
Less than \$500,000	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 300.00

*\*includes 2020 dues*

## CONTRIBUTIONS

Several endowment funds support the ASTC community of science centers and museums. Please indicate your contribution to each endowment fund below.

The **Roy L. Shafer Endowment Fund** advances extraordinary leadership in the field and supports the Roy L. Shafer Leading Edge Awards.

The **Lee Kimche McGrath Worldwide Endowment Fund** funds participation in the ASTC Annual Conference by individuals from science centers and museums outside the United States.

The **ASTC Diversity and Leadership Development Fellows Program** makes the professional development experiences of ASTC’s Annual Conference more accessible to science center professionals from ethnic/racial minority backgrounds; with disabilities; and who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, or asexual.

## PAYMENT

\$ Dues  
\$ Contribution to the Roy L. Shafer Endowment Fund  
\$ Contribution to the Lee Kimche McGrath Worldwide Fellowship  
\$ Contribution to the ASTC Diversity and Leadership Development Fellows Program  
\$ **Total Payment (USD)**

- We will pay with the enclosed check (drawn on a U.S. Bank).  
 We will pay by electronic funds transfer/wire; please send information.  
 We will pay by credit card; please contact us.

On behalf of our institution, I affirm that, to the best of my knowledge, we meet the criteria for ASTC membership and have accurately provide the information requested in this membership application.

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President, Chief Executive, Executive Director, or equivalent  
(Signature)

Date

President, Chief Executive, Executive Director, or the equivalent  
(Printed Name)

**Please send your completed application via email to [membership@astc.org](mailto:membership@astc.org) or mail to:**

Membership Department  
Association of Science and Technology Centers  
818 Connecticut Avenue NW, 7th Floor  
Washington, DC 20006  
USA

*ASTC reserves the right, in its sole discretion, and for any lawful reason, to reject any application for membership.*  
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