ASTC 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?

  **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.** □ Yes □ No

- 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:
PostalCode: 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?  □Yes □No
  • Have a board of directors or trustees as its governing authority? □Yes □No

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

□ Municipal  □ Federal/National  □ Private Nonprofit
□ County/Regional  □ Tribal  □ For-profit
□ State/Provincial  □ College/University  □ Other:

What year did you first open to the public?
Overall, how would you categorize your institution? (Please check only one.)

- Science Center/Museum*
- Aquarium/Marine Biology Institute
- Art Museum
- Botanical Garden/Arboretum
- Children's/Youth Museum
- General Museum
- Historic House/Site
- History Museum
- Natural History Museum
- Nature Center
- Planetarium/Observatory
- Specialized Museum
- Visitor Center
- Zoological Park
- Other:

*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:

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

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

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

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 enewsletter, 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, 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.

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*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.

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 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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