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ISSC Membership Policy

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The membership of the ISSC spans academic and industry positions (including but not limited to astronomers, statisticians, information scientists, and software engineers). To promote diverse science and software contributions from its membership, the membership structure consists of only a single “Full Member” tier. Responding to the bi-annual ISSC Membership Census (discussed in additional detail below) is required to maintain membership status and be listed in the ISSC database, although previous members may be re-added to the database without re-submitting an application. Members are encouraged to inform the membership committee of changes to their entry in the ISSC member database (e.g., institution or title changes, etc.) independent of the two-year census.

All ISSC members agree to adhere to the ISSC Publication Policy and Code of Conduct. LSST Data Rights are not required for membership.

Membership

Membership in the ISSC is available to all those interested in ISSC-related activities. All members may participate in the interest groups and working groups of the ISSC and may be co-authors on ISSC products to which they directly contributed. All members are also allowed to vote and stand for election to ISSC committees and the Executive Council.

Applying for Membership

To apply for membership, interested applicants should submit a statement about their expertise and research interests which are in alignment with the ISSC. Applications are found on the ISSC website at <https://issc.science.lsst.org/pages/apply.html>. Applications will be reviewed by the Membership Committee on a rolling basis with a goal to respond to all applications within two weeks. The Membership Committee will accept, reject or in some cases follow up with additional questions for the applicant before making a decision. In the case of a decision to reject an applicant, the committee will provide information on the reasoning behind its decision to the applicant.

Any applicant denied membership by the membership committee can appeal the decision to the ISSC Executive Council. If this is done, the Executive Council will organize an ad-hoc committee who will provide a final decision on the application. In the case that membership is not approved, with or without appeal, an applicant is allowed to re-apply for membership after a period of three months from notification of the committee’s decision.

Membership Review Census

The census for the ISSC science collaboration aims to collect information about the general background and interests of the members and provide an overview of the academic/professional level within the collaboration (e.g. early career, senior, etc)

The initial census will take place before October of 2024, and then periodically every two years.

The membership committee will present the results of the census to the collaboration within two months of the response deadline.

Appendix A - Census Form

Census

1. Email
2. Name
3. Github username
4. Which of these roles best describes you? (undergrad, master student, PhD student, postdoc, faculty, research assistant, data scientist, software engineer, etc)
5. Are you at an early career stage (student, junior software engineer, etc)?
6. Current primary affiliation
7. In what country are you employed? (optional)
8. Do you have LSST data rights, either through in-kind contributions or institutional affiliation?
9. Are you part of any other LSST science collaboration? (select all that applies) (list sc)
10. Please estimate the fraction of your weekly work hours spent on ISSC-related effort. If part of another collaboration, please estimate the weekly fraction of work time dedicated to that collaboration.
11. What ISSC methods and/or science cases are you most interested in?
12. Have you ever attended an ISSC event? (select all that apply) (ISSC leadership meeting, ISSC collaboration meeting, hackathon, interest groups meeting, etc)
13. What is your primary motivation for being an ISSC member? (select all that apply) (list options networking, skills development, internship, mentorships, etc)
14. Please provide more detail (optional)
15. Do you have suggestions for new ISSC interest groups? (throw text about what an interest group is and how to start one)
16. Do you have any additional feedback?