

Contribution Rules for Full Members of the Fraunhofer Alumni e.V.

On the basis of a proposal from the Advisory Board, the Executive Board of the Fraunhofer Alumni e.V. adopted the following draft regulation at a meeting on March 13, 2017:

1. In accordance with Section 4 para. 2 of the statutes of the Fraunhofer Alumni e.V., any natural person who fulfills one of the following conditions may become a full member:
 - a. former TVÖD employees, C/W- employees or non-tariff employees of the Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft zur Förderung der angewandten Forschung e.V., "
 - b. former guest scientists¹ of the "Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft zur Förderung der angewandten Forschung e.V., "
 - c. former scholars of the "Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft zur Förderung der angewandten Forschung e.V." who had a Fraunhofer contract as well as former scholars without a Fraunhofer contract if the home institution has approved acceptance,
 - d. former doctoral students at the " Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft zur Förderung der angewandten Forschung e.V." who had a Fraunhofer contract, or
 - e. former employees² of a university if the "Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft zur Förderung der angewandten Forschung e.V." has signed a cooperation agreement with the respective university and the cooperating home institution has agreed to acceptance.

In addition, students (Bachelor, Master, Diploma) can also become full members if they have been working at the "Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft zur Förderung der angewandten Forschung e.V." They bear the status of "Talent Members" until their employment begins.

2. The membership fee for full members is EUR 50 per calendar year. It is reduced to EUR 30 if the member is under the age of 29 in the respective calendar year. The calendar year of membership is non-contributory for all members. For membership as of September 1st, the following calendar year is also non-contributory.

3. If a member is simultaneously a member of an independent alumni association of a Fraunhofer Institute with which the Fraunhofer-Alumni e.V. has entered into a cooperation agreement, the member shall, under the terms of the respective cooperation agreement, be either wholly or partially exempt from the contribution obligation to the Fraunhofer-Alumni e.V. This exemption or reduction does not apply if the alumni association of the Fraunhofer Institute will be dissolved or if the respective cooperation agreement concluded with the Fraunhofer-Alumni e.V. loses its validity.

¹ Guest scientists are invited by Fraunhofer and are under contract during their time at Fraunhofer.

² This applies only to those employees who are connected to Fraunhofer in the course of cooperation contracts with universities, in part even through joint forms of operation.

4. The membership fee is payable on September 1st of the respective calendar year.

5. Membership as a full member with the status "Talents Member" is non-contributory. Such members have restricted access to the Fraunhofer alumni portal and have no voting rights in the general meeting; otherwise, they are equivalent to full members. The status as a Talents Member remains until the commencement of employment (entry of an activity in one's profile on the alumni portal). From the date of the commencement of employment, the status as a Talent Member no longer applies, with the result that the restriction of access to the Alumni Portal is lifted and a right to vote in the general meeting exists. The contribution obligation pursuant to Item 2 sentences 1 and 2 as well as Item 3 and Item 4 applies to the calendar year following the commencement of employment.

6. Pursuant to Section 4 para. 4 of the statutes, the application for membership as full members is to be submitted to the branch which decides on the matter; in exceptional cases, the Executive Board shall decide conclusively. The corresponding application for admission should generally be submitted via the alumni portal as part of the online registration process. Alternatively, an application for admission can be submitted in text form. In general, applications are activated directly in the alumni portal or, in the case of applications submitted in text form, through a written confirmation of admission. The Executive Board will make a decision regarding the applications for membership as well as the amount of contributions to be paid by the members, cf. Section 4 para. 3 of the statutes.

7. In the cases of Item 1.c. (2nd alternative) and Item 1.e., approval by the home institution is required. The branch will provide a mandatory form for this purpose. A list of the alumni managers of the respective Fraunhofer institutes who are entitled to apply is kept by the branch.

8. A list of members is kept at the branch.

This regulation shall be valid indefinitely as of March 13, 2017. Any change in this regard shall require the decision of the Executive Board of the Fraunhofer-Alumni e.V. The Advisory Board shall be entitled to make suggestions in this regard.