

MEMBERSHIP

The Nonwovens Institute (NWI) is a membership-based research institute, which includes leading companies across the nonwovens value chain, from raw material to end-use. NWI research aims to enable strategic R&D efforts by member companies who are seeking to forge next-generation fiber and polymer-based materials and products. At the end of this value-added research pipeline are revolutionary and often life-enhancing products for both industrial and consumer markets. Research results are considered proprietary to the Institute and its member companies.



Schedule a meeting to discuss NWI membership and member benefits. We are happy to answer your questions. **Email us today at nonwovens@ncsu.edu** with dates and times that work for you.

NC STATE
UNIVERSITY

NWI Member Benefits Include:

Research Cost Avoidance and Research Amplification

- Access to core research programs
- Access to students, faculty and staff
- Voting rights to determine NWI's research agenda
- Members get access to more than 50 research projects

Technology Transfer

- Option to any IP developed through core research programs
- Access to online research archives
- Training programs at a discount
- Free online training materials
- Priority access to NWI's world-class fabrication and testing facilities

Service/Economic Development

- Product development & analytical services at a discount

Networking

- New members showcase at semi-annual Industrial Advisory Board (IAB) meetings
- Marketing exposure on NWI website and social media
- Industrial networking at the IAB meetings
- Networking with various faculty, students and staff

Industrial Advisory Board

Member companies are represented on the NWI Industrial Advisory Board (IAB) and vote on the selection of new fundamental research projects annually. The IAB is currently supported by a 10-member board of directors who serve on the Executive Committee of the IAB. The Executive Committee meets regularly with the NWI leadership team and provides guidance on policy decisions, strategic planning, etc.

NWI also has a Strategic Scientific Advisory Board (SSAB), elected by the IAB, which provides guidance to the NWI leadership team and the IAB with respect to the research portfolio and priorities in terms of research direction and

research infrastructure. The SSAB Chair also sits on the IAB Executive Committee.

Research programs are developed jointly by NWI's faculty, staff and the IAB. Representatives of NWI member companies have a shared voice in IAB proceedings.

The IAB is a forum for a candid discussion of the economic and scientific significance of NWI's current and prospective research initiatives. The IAB also provides a venue where student, faculty and industry researchers can remain apprised of emerging challenges and opportunities facing the nonwovens industry.

NWI Membership Levels

Full Member I:

- Large companies – sales over \$25 million
- Dues \$60,000 per year
- Selection of one core research project every 3 years (one project running at a time)
- 60 points in project voting
- Intellectual property rights as per Bylaws
- Short course discount
- Facility use discount
- 3-year commitment in this class required
- Access to archives and online education resources

Full Member II:

- Large companies – sales over \$25 million
- \$ 30,000 per year
- 30 votes in project voting
- Intellectual property rights as per Bylaws
- Short course discount
- Facility use discount
- Access to archives and online education resources

Affiliate Member:

- Sales < \$25 MM per year
- \$ 12,000 per year
- No proration of dues in year 1
- 12 points in project voting
- Short course discount given
- Facility use discount
- Access to archives and online education resources
- Intellectual property rights as per Bylaws
- Executive committee membership limited to 1 member at any time

Startup Member:

- \$6000 per year
- Executive committee approval required
- Application must be made within 3 years of incorporation
- Membership limited to 2 years in class
- No proration of dues in year 1
- Attend IAB meetings and receive reports
- Short course discount given
- 6 votes for new projects
- Can present to IAB
- No intellectual property rights
- No internet access to archives or online education resources
- No executive committee participation
- No facilities use discounts

Social Member:

- \$5,000 per year
- Executive committee approval required
- Total number of Social members in NWI at any given time is limited to 3 companies
- Proration of dues may be allowed based on the number of IAB events remaining in the calendar year
- Must sign a confidentiality agreement
- Unless an exception is granted, the limit is 2 company participants at each IAB
- Participants can only attend IAB in-person poster sessions, IAB receptions and IAB NWI tour sessions
- No intellectual property rights
- No internet access to archives or online education resources
- No executive committee participation
- No facilities use discounts



Scan this QR code to ask questions and receive feedback about NWI member benefits.

To learn more about NWI, please email us at nonwovens@ncsu.edu or visit www.TheNonwovensInstitute.com