

IEM - Industry Affiliate Program membership (IEM-IAP)

The IEM Industry Affiliate Program (IEM-IAP) is a long-term industrial collaboration initiative proposed by the Institute of Electrical and Micro Engineering (IEM) at EPFL. It offers a unique opportunity to facilitate innovation, to provide insights into advanced research, to identify and implement targeted training to the workforce of the future and to share knowledge, experience, and know-how among members.

The IEM-IAP:

Brings your organization closer to the IEM than ever before in research and education.

Brings together partners from different fields at exclusive members-only events.



The IEM-IAP offers two levels of membership: Gold and Silver. Each level has a range of associated benefits based on the value and scope of the commitment. The Silver level is reserved for small and mid-size local companies with up to 100 employees or a turnover under 20 MCHF. Regardless of the level of engagement, a **liaison person** supports members to facilitate contact with IEM faculty, researchers, and students, and to develop a tailored suite of interaction opportunities adjusted to member needs.

Benefits of IAP membership

1. Seat on the IEM-IAP industry advisory board – Gold Members Only

By participating in IEM-IAP's board meetings, our Gold affiliates have the possibility to get involved in the decisions determining IEM-IAP's strategic directions. They can bring insightful contributions in shaping IEM's vision for the future of education and research.

2. Facilitated participation on EPFL selected events

Our affiliates benefit from easier access to selected events of interest organized by EPFL (Forum, Industry Day) and certain services offered by the Career Center, for example. On top of their intrinsic value, these events significantly increase the visibility of member companies.

3. Engagement with IEM program faculty and graduate students

IAP member companies are offered opportunities for customized interactions as workshops, roundtables and other thematic meetings with IEM professors, faculty members, and graduate students. Through these exchanges, companies will be able to identify research topics for future collaboration with laboratories and/or among affiliates: the starting point of knowledge creation and transfer of technology.

4. Visiting Scholar(s)

When a joint research opportunity is identified, affiliates have the option to embed employees in an IEM laboratory as visiting industrial scholars. This is a unique and exceptional occasion for the collaborator to be immersed in the world of research and to strengthen ties with IEM faculty members, scientists and students.

5. Graduate fellowship(s)

Affiliates may choose to enhance their membership further through the support of a Graduate Fellow (PhD students or postdocs). This allows the company to dive deeper into a subject or a research direction of long-term interest. Such interactions are a chance to assess potential collaborators for future workforce development.

6. Lifelong Learning

IAP membership provides an effective means for our affiliates to partake in specific training on topics of interest. Whether through existing programs or customized courses, they can address issues relevant to their industry and upskill their staff in a very targeted manner.

7. Members only IEM thematic events

IAP members are invited to one thematic event on hot topics in research and current emerging technology areas. Gold affiliates benefit from an additional VIP event to discuss issues of key importance to their community. These exclusive meetings offer invaluable opportunities to acquire cutting-edge scientific knowledge and to network in a privileged framework.

8. Facilitated access to M2C

The Micromanufacturing Science & Engineering Center (M2C) is an interdisciplinary technology platform of the IEM, intended to support research work related to advanced manufacturing. Open to the scientific community and the school's partners, this platform is also available to IAP members to support their collaborative research activities.

9. Recruitment through the IEM graduate student directory

Talent acquisition is a challenge for most companies today, regardless of their size or industry. Through the IEM PhD student directory, IAP members have exclusive access to the Institute's international pool of world-class specialists for future workforce identification and evaluation .

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6. Lifelong Learning	✓	✓
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