
Global Engineering Deans Council

GEDC MEMBERSHIP STRUCTURE AND BENEFITS

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Recognizing the global need for a world-wide forum of engineering deans and rectors, a group of over 20 leaders of engineering education institutions and corporate partners first met in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on October 9th, 2006 and in Istanbul, Turkey, on September 30th, 2007. Inspired by the International Federation of Engineering Education Societies (IFEES) the Global Engineering Deans Council (GEDC) was created in Paris, France on May 9th, 2008.

The mission of the GEDC is to serve as a global network of engineering deans, and to leverage these deans' collective strengths for the advancement of engineering education, innovation, and research.

Since its foundation, GEDC has made efforts to achieve the following objectives.

- 1) To provide a world-wide forum for exchange of information and discussion of experiences, challenges, and best practices in leading an engineering school.
- 2) To provide a means for engineering deans to partner with one another in curriculum development and innovation, and to collaborate with industry, government, and other stakeholders.
- 3) To build a network that would support engineering deans to play a leadership role in developing regional and national policies to advance economies.
- 4) To participate in the development and maintenance of a global system of quality standards for engineering education.

GEDC MEMBERSHIP CONDITIONS

In order to become a GEDC member, a candidate should meet one of the *membership conditions* stated below.

- a) A person in charge of an engineering college, school or faculty in a university. In an institution without a dean or equivalent engineering leader, your institution will be asked to designate a representative.
 - b) A person in charge of an education institution of higher learning that is primarily focused on engineering education and research.
 - c) A person in charge of an engineering deans' organization in a respective country and/or region.
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GEDC MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Regular Members

Varies by region

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- Regular Membership is offered to a person who meets one of the membership conditions and is interested in becoming more familiar with GEDC.
 - Regular Members are featured in the list of members on GEDC website.
 - Regular Members have access to GEDC website through personalized accounts, and can update or edit their member profiles.
 - Regular Members have the right to form and participate in GEDC working groups and committees.
 - Regular Members receive invitations to GEDC meetings, conferences and/or GEDC member-sponsored events and may attend upon payment of the set registration fee.
 - Regular Members can be asked to shape agendas of GEDC meetings, conferences and/or GEDC member-sponsored events.
 - Regular Members have the right to either host or participate in relevant panels, training sessions, leadership sessions, and/or presentations included in GEDC meetings, conferences and/or GEDC member-sponsored events
 - Each Regular Member has one (1) vote.
 - Regular Members have the right to run for, be elected and hold GEDC leadership positions.
 - Regular Members, when appropriate, are entitled to administrative and logistical assistance and support from GEDC Secretariat, at the discretion of the Executive Secretary.

Corporate Partners

US\$5,000 Annually

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- Business Affiliate membership is offered to individuals who represent corporations and industry (both public and private) in engineering related fields across the world.
 - Joint membership of GEDC and IFEEES will be offered at a discount rate of 10% off the sum of GEDC Business Affiliates membership fee and IFEEES Industrial Organization membership fee.
 - Business Affiliates are identified as such and will be acknowledged on all GEDC communications, marketing and promotions, in print and on the GEDC website.
 - Business Affiliates have access to the GEDC website, and representatives may update their company profiles.
 - Business Affiliates have the right to participate in GEDC working groups and committees.
 - Business Affiliates receive invitations to GEDC meetings, conferences and/or GEDC member-sponsored events.
 - Business Affiliates are granted 100% registration fee discounts for two (2) representatives on one of GEDC meetings or conferences.
 - Business Affiliates can be asked to shape agendas of GEDC meetings, conferences and/or GEDC member-sponsored events.
 - Business Affiliates have the right to either host or participate in relevant panels, training sessions, leadership sessions, and/or presentations included in GEDC meetings, conferences and/or GEDC member-sponsored events.
 - Business Affiliates do not have a right to vote or run/hold GEDC leadership positions.



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- Business Affiliates may request GEDC Secretariat's assistance in identifying and contacting academic, associate and institutional partners for collaborative purposes and joint activities.
- Business Affiliates may ask GEDC members for help in order to better accomplish their collaborative work and joint activities with academic, associate and institutional partners.

Former Dean

Varies by region

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- Former Dean membership is offered to a former dean who has held the deanship for a minimum of three years.
 - Former Dean members are featured in the list of members on GEDC website.
 - Former Dean members have access to GEDC website through personalized accounts, and can update or edit their member profiles.
 - Former Dean members have the right to form and participate in GEDC working groups and committees.
 - Former dean members receive invitations to GEDC meetings, conferences and/or GEDC member-sponsored events and may attend upon payment of the set registration fee.
 - Former dean members can be asked to shape agendas of GEDC meetings, conferences and/or GEDC member-sponsored events.
 - Former dean members have the right to either host or participate in relevant panels, training sessions, leadership sessions, and/or presentations included in GEDC meetings, conferences and/or GEDC member-sponsored events
 - Former dean members do not have the right to vote or be elected for GEDC leadership positions, but can complete their current term on the GEDC Executive Committee.
 - Former dean members, when appropriate, are entitled to administrative and logistical assistance and support from GEDC Secretariat, at the discretion of the Executive Secretary.

Organization Affiliates

US\$2,500 Annually

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- Organization Affiliate membership is offered to individuals who represent government and non-profit organizations engaged in engineering education activities across the world. This does not include engineering colleges.
 - Organization Affiliates are identified as such and will be acknowledged on all GEDC communications, marketing and promotions, in print and on the GEDC website.
 - Organization Affiliates have access to the GEDC website, and representatives may update their organization profiles.
 - Organization Affiliates have the right to participate in GEDC working groups and committees.
 - Organization Affiliates receive invitations to GEDC meetings, conferences and/or GEDC member-sponsored events.
 - Organization Affiliates are granted complimentary registration at one of GEDC meetings or conferences.
 - Organization Affiliates can be asked to shape agendas of GEDC meetings, conferences and/or GEDC member-sponsored events.



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- Organization Affiliates have the right to either host or participate in relevant panels, training sessions, leadership sessions, and/or presentations included in GEDC meetings, conferences and/or GEDC member-sponsored events.
- Organization Affiliates do not have a right to vote or run/hold GEDC leadership positions.
- Organization Affiliates may request GEDC Secretariat's assistance in identifying and contacting academic, associate, business, and institutional partners for collaborative purposes and joint activities.
- Organization Affiliates may ask GEDC members for help in order to better accomplish their collaborative work and joint activities with academic, associate business, and institutional partners.

Observers

US \$0 Annually

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- Observer Membership is offered to a person who meets one of the membership conditions and is interested in becoming more familiar with GEDC.
 - Observer Membership is also offered to individuals who represent corporations and industry (both public and private) in engineering related fields across the world and are interested in becoming more familiar with GEDC.
 - Observer membership can last a maximum of a year. After one year, Observers will either become Regular Members/ Industry Affiliates or their Observer membership will be terminated.
 - Observers receive limited amount of benefits.
 - Observers are featured in the list of members on GEDC website.
 - Observers have the right to participate in GEDC working groups and committees.
 - Observers receive invitations to GEDC meetings, conferences and/or GEDC member-sponsored events and may attend upon payment of the set registration fee.
 - Observers do not have the right to vote or run/hold GEDC leadership positions.
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PAYING MEMBERS' RESPONSIBILITIES

GEDC paying members are expected to promote the objectives of GEDC and to act as overall spokespersons for the work of GEDC. The members should demonstrate their commitment to the vision and mission of GEDC, and display integrity, high level of professionalism and engagement in both national and global engineering education activities.

GEDC paying members are asked to attend at least one GEDC and/or GEDC member-sponsored event per year and have capacity to pay for all associated travel costs. When necessary, GEDC paying members should be available and actively participate in GEDC working groups, event planning and other strategic activities critical to the objectives of GEDC. Other more specific member responsibilities, as outlined in GEDC bylaws, include:

Encourage membership and active participation in GEDC of eligible individuals and organizations;

- Participate in the election of Executive Committee members;
- Pay their membership fees in a timely fashion;
- Accept assignments in ad hoc committees and special interest groups of GEDC;
- Contribute to the dissemination of information regarding engineering and engineering education worldwide;
- Engage in other activities to further the purposes of the Council.