Associates & Affiliates Program

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Bringing scientists together across disciplines to collaborate in cyber-enabled research

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Goals and Overview

The ICS Associates & Affiliates program seeks to advance the ICS mission by bringing scientists together across disciplines to collaborate in cyber-enabled research. The program also aims to grow the ICS community by casting a wide and inclusive net to engage faculty and others at Penn State and beyond. We seek to increase the potential for ICS to achieve funding success by demonstrating to funding agencies the magnitude of faculty engagement and productivity. And finally, we seek to encourage participation by the research community in ICS governance; participation in ICS activities by Associates & Affiliates will also help ICS to set priorities as to how best to invest limited resources such as ICS Seed Grant funding.

Program Levels and Benefits

The Associates & Affiliates program has a tiered system of expectations and benefits (low involvement is associated with fewer benefits; high involvement affords access to more benefits). The program designations, expectations for engagement, and benefit levels are as follows:

- ICS Co-hire: high (note: definition of co-hire expectations and benefits will be detailed in a separate document)
- ICS Associate: medium
- ICS Affiliate: low
- ICS Student Affiliate: very low

ICS Associate

Eligibility

1. At Penn State:
   - Faculty
   - Researchers
   - Research Fellows
   - All ICS co-hires are automatically included as ICS Associates. All members of the ICS Coordinating Committee as of May 2017 are also awarded status as ICS Associates.
2. Outside of Penn State:
   - Researchers external to Penn State (must be in a research relationship with a PSU researcher) who are also ICS-ACI users; includes
     - Faculty at other universities
     - Industry researchers

3. Associates must demonstrate engagement with ICS

Procedure

1. Fill out the Associate/Affiliate form on the ICS website (https://ics.psu.edu/who-we-are/our-faculty/affiliated-faculty/), indicating that Associate status is being sought.
2. Approval as an ICS Associate requires demonstrated engagement with ICS and will be given by the ICS Director or his/her designee.
3. There is no fixed term. However, Associate status will be reviewed regularly. The Director (or his or her designee) will approve and may revoke Associate status.

Benefits

1. Eligible for special "Associates only" investment programs (e.g., ICS Centers program).
2. Higher limits on regular seed grant programs (e.g., $35K seed limit instead of typical $25K limit).
3. Special ICS-ACI computing options (e.g., access to an ICS-provided allocation on a high memory or GPU node).
4. Access to special ICS-ACI equipment/technology offered by industry partners.
5. Invited to function as early adopter of new computing capacity/capabilities.
6. Priority for industry research opportunities.

Expectations

1. Associates must update their research information with ICS annually.
2. At least annually, Associates will share with ICS landmarks and accomplishments such as grants awarded, publications, and conference presentations.
3. Associates will participate in ICS assignments (e.g., seed grant review/co-hire recruiting).
4. They will also participate in, and potentially lead, ICS events and other ICS community functions.
5. Engagement in ICS and related governance committees (e.g., RCCI) is expected.
6. As appropriate, Associates will list their ICS affiliation and acknowledge use of ICS resources in publications, presentations, or other scholarly work.
7. Members of the ICS Coordinating Committee will be selected from the community of ICS Associates.

ICS Affiliate

Eligibility

1. At Penn State:
   - Faculty
   - Researchers
   - IT Professionals active in research or research support
   - Post-Doctoral Fellows
2. Outside of Penn State
   - ICS-ACI users external to Penn State
   - Research Collaborators

Procedure

1. Fill out the Affiliate/Associate form on the ICS website (https://ics.psu.edu/who-we-are/our-faculty/affiliated-faculty/), indicating that Affiliate status is being sought.
2. The Director or a designee will approve affiliate status, primarily based on alignment of their researcher with the interdisciplinary mission of ICS.
3. The Director may revoke affiliate status at his/her discretion.

Benefits

1. The ability to list ICS Affiliate status on CV.
2. Affiliates receive information about ICS news, initiatives, events, and funding opportunities.
3. Affiliates establish connection to ICS programs, events, and other researchers.
4. They receive priority for industry research opportunities.

Expectations

1. Affiliates must update their research information with ICS annually.
2. Affiliates may choose to
   a. share their research and conference news/accomplishments
   b. participate in ICS assignments (such as seed grant review/co-hire recruiting)
   c. participate in ICS events and other community functions
   d. engage in ICS governance
3. As appropriate, Affiliates should list their ICS affiliation and acknowledge use of ICS resources in publications, presentations, or other scholarly work.

Student Affiliate

Eligibility

1. Currently enrolled Penn State graduate students and undergraduate students actively engaged with ICS researchers (Associate or Affiliate).

Procedure

1. Fill out the Affiliate/Associate form on the ICS website (https://ics.psu.edu/who-we-are/our-faculty/affiliated-faculty/), indicating that Student Affiliate status is being sought.
2. The Director or a designee will approve status primarily based on alignment of their researcher with the interdisciplinary mission of ICS.
3. The Director may revoke affiliate status at his/her discretion. Student Affiliate status will end upon graduation.

Benefits

1. The ability to list ICS Affiliate status on student's CV.
2. Student Affiliates receive information about ICS news, initiatives, events, and funding opportunities.
3. They establish connections to ICS programs, events, and other researchers.
4. Students may request ICS Affiliation recognition from ICS when graduating.

Expectations

1. Keep their information up-to-date with ICS annually.
2. Voluntary sharing of research and conferences news/accomplishments.
3. Voluntary participation in ICS events and other ICS community functions.

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