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# FINOS Associate Membership prospectus

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# FINOS Associate Membership Overview

Associate membership is a “lightweight”, **free** membership tier:

Who is it for?	Non-profits - (c)(6) and/or (c)(3)	Government organization and regulatory bodies	Other (non-profit) open source organizations/ associations	Academic institutions
What are the benefits and privileges?	✓ Free attendance at FINOS events	✓ Participation in member-only discussions & Formation Projects	✗ No Board seats/ Voting rights (reserved for “full”, paid members)	
✓ Attendance at FINOS Member meeting	✓ Inclusion of logo on FINOS website and marketing materials			

(\*) Per Section [2.5 of FINOS charter](#): “The Associate Member category of membership is limited to Associate Members of The Linux Foundation. The Governing Board may set additional criteria for joining the Directed Fund as an Associate Member. If the Associate Member is a membership organization, Associate Membership in the Directed Fund does not confer any benefits or rights to the members of the Associate Member.”

# What's expected of FINOS Associate Members?

## Key premise: Community Participation

Ongoing Associate Membership is contingent on participation in the FINOS community, e.g.:

- Regular contribution in at least one FINOS project
- Presenting at one or more FINOS events in a year (on a relevant topic)
- Writing one or more blog posts in a year (on a relevant topic)

## Reciprocity

If a similar program exists within the Associate Member's organization:

- Cross-marketing
- Case by case cross-Membership benefits

# Membership process



**To become a  
FINOS Associate Member:**

- Contact FINOS to discuss the requirements of Associate Membership
- Sign the [LF Associate Member Agreement](#)
- Sign the FINOS Participation Agreement selecting the Associate Member option

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