



Membership Policy

Dryad is a nonprofit, curated repository that provides the infrastructure for and promotes the re-use of research data. The vision of Dryad is to promote a world where research data is openly available, integrated with the scholarly literature, and routinely re-used to create knowledge. Dryad accepts and maintains content as prescribed in our [Terms of Service](#).

As a nonprofit membership organization, Dryad relies on a broad community of stakeholders in research, education and scholarly communication for input, governance and support in making irreplaceable data resources available for present and future generations of researchers and educators.

Governance

Dryad is governed by a twelve-member Board of Directors, elected by its Members at the Annual Membership Meeting.

Dryad members have a say in the organization by participating in annual meetings, electing the Board of Directors, and providing input on strategic directions and other matters of importance.

Membership is open to organizations that support and advance the mission of Dryad. This includes the full spectrum of stakeholder organizations, such as journals, learned societies, publishers, research institutions, libraries, and funding bodies.

Since both journals and their publishers are eligible to join Dryad, a journal can have a direct voice in Dryad's affairs by becoming a voting member, or a journal can be associated with Dryad through its publisher. Dryad does not offer memberships to individuals.

Becoming a member

Organizations interested in joining Dryad may apply online or contact director@datadryad.org.

- Research institutions: [apply here](#)
- Publishers, journals, or scholarly societies: [apply here](#)

Costs of membership

Membership in Dryad requires an annual membership fee.

Membership levels: Publishers

Publisher Memberships run January through December.

Category	Designed for	Annual dues
Sustainer	Publishers or other organizations with an annual gross income of \$10 million or more. All journals published by the member are eligible for discounted pricing plans.	\$5,000
Supporter	Smaller publishers, scholarly societies and other organizations with an annual gross income of less than \$10 million. All journals published by the member are eligible for discounted pricing plans.	\$1,000
Advocate	Publishers or other organizations of any income level that wish to support open data at Dryad and vote in Dryad elections.	\$500

Any journal is eligible to sponsor their authors' deposit fees via various programs Dryad offers. Journal Members will receive discounts on annual sponsorship programs.

Membership levels: Institutions

Institutional Memberships run July through June.

Size of institution	Annual dues	Suggestions for self-determining size
Level I	\$3,000	<i>R3 or FTE under 5K or less than \$50M in research grant funding.</i>
Level II	\$7,500	<i>R2 or FTE 5K - 10K or \$50M - \$300M in research grant funding.</i>
Level III	\$13,000	<i>RI or FTE +10K FTE or +\$300M in research grant funding.</i>

Annual Membership Meeting

An Annual Membership Meeting of Dryad members is held every May, at which community members discuss recent and forthcoming developments at Dryad, vote on policy matters, and elect members of Dryad Board of Directors. The meeting also provides a forum for sharing knowledge and coordinating action around data policies.

Member organizations need to appoint a representative to Dryad, who is invited to attend the Annual Meeting, nominate candidates for the Board of Directors, and cast one vote in the Board elections.

In the event that a representative (or a replacement chosen by the member) cannot attend the annual meeting, that member may participate electronically in the election of board members and any votes on changes to the bylaws.

Election of the Board of Directors

Directors are elected by the members at the Annual Membership Meeting. Each term is three years, and Directors may not serve for more than two consecutive terms. Each member has one vote in the election of the Board of Directors, and the election is determined by a simple majority. Directors serve as individuals rather than representatives of any organization.

The Board of Directors is expected to be a diverse group of people, with a mix of backgrounds and skills representing the various stakeholders. Nominations for people to serve on the Board of Directors are welcomed from all members. These can be forwarded to the Chair of the Board of Directors or the chair of the Governance Committee by emailing director@datadryad.org.

Appendix: [Dryad Bylaws](#)