

Affiliate Scheme 2011-12

Who we are and what we do

The Academy's mission is to promote social sciences in the United Kingdom for the public benefit. We promote research, publish learned material, distribute information, organise workshops and events, and contribute to public debates on issues affecting the social sciences. Our focus is multidisciplinary and encompasses both theoretical and applied work, with an increasing emphasis on demonstrating impact.

The Academy is composed of over 700 individual Academicians who are distinguished scholars and practitioners from academia and the public and private sectors, together with 38 mostly discipline-based Learned Societies promoting excellence in the social sciences.

This gives the Academy a reach of 85,000 social scientists drawn widely from research, teaching, consultancy and professional practice in:

- Business and Administrative Sciences
- Communication Sciences
- Criminology
- Demography
- Economic History
- Economics
- Education
- Environmental Sciences
- Geography
- Government Research
- Healthcare
- International Relations
- Law and socio-legal studies
- Linguistics
- Management

- Management Accounting
- Pedagogy and Education Research
- Political Sciences
- Policy Evaluation
- Psychotherapy
- Psychology and Cognitive Sciences
- Regional Studies
- Social Anthropology
- Social Statistics and Information
- Social Policy
- Sociology
- Tourism
- Town Planning
- Wellbeing
- Women's studies

Full membership of the Academy is only available to individuals who have made a significant contribution to the social sciences.

It is by nomination and is subject to peer review.

However, the Academy has launched an Affiliate Scheme to confer many of the benefits of full membership.

Why join us

Becoming an Affiliate is an effective way of reaching a distinguished membership of social scientists with a great deal of knowledge and expertise. It is also the way to become part of the wider social science network.

I. Affiliates will receive:

- a copy of the journal – 21st Century Society (to be Contemporary Social Science) – issued three times a year
- A copy of each booklet in the Making the Case for the Social Sciences series.

- a monthly e-Newsletter
 - invitations to a range of events
2. Affiliates will be able to :
- Submit material for inclusion
 - In the monthly e-Newsletter which goes to all Members
 - In the Members area of our website (www.acss.org.uk)
 - Contribute articles to 21st Century Society / Contemporary Social Science
 - Set up displays at Academy events to promote their work
 - Take places at the Academy's Annual President's Lunch, giving unrivalled networking opportunities

3. Affiliates will also be able to participate in, and contribute to, workshops, conferences and symposia. These events communicate developments in intellectual thought and facilitate debate on the implications for both public policy and corporate development. Highly topical issues have included:

- Research Impact
- Knowledge Transfer and Public Engagement
- Social Science Perspectives on the 2012 London Olympic Games
- What is Scientific about Social Science?

4. Affiliates will be encouraged to make an input into the Academy's responses to Government consultation documents.

Recent responses included:

- Efficiency and effectiveness of peer review
- Research Excellence Framework
- Science in Society
- Medical Ethics

5. Through the Academy, Affiliates will be able to share their knowledge and expertise with others and have access to individuals with the latest research findings and intellectual thinking about topical issues, which might affect how to develop their organisation and management practices.

Who should join

- Departments, Faculties and Schools in

Universities and other Higher Educational Institutions

- Research units and institutes
- Think tanks
- Social science groupings within the public sector at central, regional and local government levels
- Voluntary organisations and charities concerned with social issues
- Consultants operating in the social sciences
- Lobbying organisations
- Any commercial enterprise operating in the social sciences
- Individuals with an interest in the social sciences, irrespective of position

How to join

By completion of an Application Form and sending it to the Academy's Offices:

Academy of Social Sciences
 30 Tabernacle Street, London EC2A 4UE
 Tel: 0207 330 0897/8
 Email: administrator@acss.org.uk

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Rates for Affiliate Membership are:

Individual – Standard Membership £50
 Individual – Discounted Membership* £35
 Corporate Membership £500
 Organisation Membership** £250

* Discounted Membership is available only to Individuals already a Full Member of a Learned Society which is itself a Member of the Academy of Social Sciences.

** Organisation Membership is available only to Organisations in Higher Education Institutions (eg Faculty; School) and the Public and Not For Profit sectors.

