

**Eligibility:** To be considered for full membership, organizations must:

- agree with the purpose and support the goals of the Alliance;
- be legally established in the United States;
- have in existence clearly defined programs and activities directly concerned with conducting, facilitating, and/or supporting international exchange; prospective members are expected to administer or support exchanges in multiple markets or in both directions between the U.S. and a single market;
- comply with generally accepted ethical standards for the conduct of international exchange activities as measured by whether an applicant is under sanction by Federal governmental entity.

For some larger organizations, separate divisions dedicated to international exchange-related activities are also eligible for Alliance membership.

As the voice of international exchange, *The Alliance* promotes the growth and impact of exchange programs and the effectiveness of its members by engaging in advocacy, providing member development opportunities, and building public awareness of the power of exchange. The association is a 501(c)(3) organization incorporated in the District of Columbia. Its membership is composed of leading organizations in the United States dedicated to international educational and cultural exchange activities. The Alliance welcomes inquiries from organizations interested in joining the Alliance that meet its membership criteria.

The Alliance adheres to, promotes, and expects the highest ethical standards of professional practice among its membership. Standards of professional practice include: understanding and complying with government laws and regulations; providing participants with high quality programs; offering the fullest possible equality of opportunity; and treating all individuals with dignity. The Alliance and its members adhere to the Code of Conduct and strive to avoid any action that may discredit the organization, its membership, or the profession.

## BENEFITS AND PRIVILEGES:

Alliance membership provides opportunities for organizations in the U.S. exchange community to contribute to and participate in a community-wide effort to advance and strengthen educational and cultural exchanges. Every organization admitted as a member is entitled to vote to elect members of the Alliance Board of Directors, ensuring each member's ability to participate in the governance of the association. Individuals from any member organization are eligible to serve as Alliance Board members. Individuals are also eligible to serve on Alliance committees, task forces, or other working groups on specific issues of concern to the organization, and to participate in advocacy meetings with the executive and legislative branches. All of these activities serve to set and execute the policy agenda of the exchange community.

Membership in the Alliance provides access to an unsurpassed network of CEOs, senior executives, and other staff engaged in international activities. Member organizations are entitled to receive the Alliance's comprehensive information services and to fully utilize the extensive government-relations expertise of the Alliance staff.



## OTHER FORMS OF AFFILIATION:

Organizations and individuals who are involved with international exchanges but cannot consider full membership may be interested in the Alliance's Supporter and Subscriber programs. Companies that provide support services and host participants may qualify for participation in the Alliance Supporter program. For information about these programs, please contact the Alliance office or visit our website at [www.alliance-exchange.org](http://www.alliance-exchange.org).

## CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL:

Membership in the Alliance is granted to organizations that meet the eligibility criteria herein, as established in the Alliance's by-laws and as determined by the Alliance's Membership Committee. In order to be considered for membership in the Alliance, organizations must submit complete applications to be reviewed by the Membership Committee. See Membership Application Checklist.

## DUES:

Membership dues are the Alliance's primary source of support. Member organizations pay dues annually based on total salaries, benefits, and other compensation paid for personnel devoted to international exchange-related activities. Dues are assessed according to the table on the 2018 Membership Dues Worksheet. Annual dues amounts are for the current calendar year and are subject to possible change in the future by a vote of the Board. For organizations joining the Alliance during the calendar year, dues are prorated by quarters (i.e., an organization joining in July would pay for two quarters, or one-half of the annual dues for that year).

## APPLICATIONS:

Organizations wishing to become full members of the Alliance should submit all documents detailed on the **Membership Application Checklist** through our online form at <https://www.alliance-exchange.org/membership/apply-for-membership/>

Alternatively, the application can be addressed and submitted to:

*Membership Committee  
Alliance for International Exchange  
1828 L Street, NW, Suite 1150  
Washington, DC 20036*



**Additional Information:** For additional information, please contact the Alliance at (202) 293-6141; e-mail: [membership@alliance-exchange.org](mailto:membership@alliance-exchange.org).

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