

Science Atlantic Membership Benefits

Science Atlantic membership offers a suite of benefits designed to foster academic excellence, enhance your institution's reputation, and create valuable opportunities for both faculty and students. Here's how the Science Atlantic membership serves your institution:

Summary of Benefits

Enhanced Institutional Reputation: Demonstrate your commitment to student academic excellence and institutional prestige by supporting student-led research and conference planning opportunities.

Student Development and Recognition: Students gain valuable leadership experience and recognition through organizing conferences, networking, and presenting their research to peers and faculty. These opportunities foster academic growth, enhance career development, and strengthen CVs by showcasing active involvement in the scientific community.

Cross-Institutional Collaboration: Access networking and professional growth opportunities both within and beyond your institution. Leverage the network to share knowledge, advice, and best practices, while building valuable regional connections and cross-institutional partnerships.

Improved Communication/Relationships: Reinforce professional relationships through collaborative workshops and discussions, while enhancing connectivity between deans and faculty within your institution and the region.

Professional Advantages: Interact with talented undergraduate and graduate students and faculty in the region to explore collaborative research opportunities.

Streamlined Conference Support: Access resources and experienced mentorship to facilitate efficient conference planning and management, easing the burden on faculty and staff

Academic Conferences

For over 50 years, Science Atlantic has helped facilitate student conferences, providing a valuable platform for students to present their research, enhance their academic portfolio, and network with other students and faculty.

- **Enhanced Student Experiences:** Top students present their research to peers and faculty from other institutions, gaining recognition and improving their academic portfolio
- **Regional Networking for Faculty:** Connecting faculty and students across the region, facilitating cross-institutional partnerships and graduate recruitment
- **Student Awards:** 75 to 100 awards presented each year for outstanding research and science communication skills

Resources for Conference Organizers and Host Institutions

Science Atlantic provides knowledge and support in all facets of conference planning.

- **Conference-In-A-Box (CIAB):** A comprehensive, custom-created resource to aid in effective conference planning
- **Conference Organizer Drop-In:** Weekly opportunity to ask questions and get advice
- **Website, Registration, and Abstract Submission Platform:** Free access to Fourwaves, a solution for website management, registration, fees collection, and abstract submission
- **Financial and Policy Information:** Assistance with budgeting, sponsor recognition, and guidance to help organizers operate within compliance of host institution policies
- **Awards Management:** Awards disbursement and communication with winners

Networking Across Science Divisions

Science Atlantic coordinates membership networks for faculty in 10 science disciplines.

- **Improved Communications:** Connects colleagues from 18 member institutions across the region, providing knowledge-sharing and collaboration opportunities
- **Community Development:** Builds a sense of belonging and improves professional relationships through workshops and discussions

Faculty Development Opportunities

- **SASA (Science Atlantic Sessions for All):** Informal discussions led by experienced faculty; topics include grant applications, mentoring, best practices, and more
- **Deans' Community of Practice (NEW):** Closed-door forum allowing senior administrators to discuss critical issues in higher education

Why These Benefits Matter

Institutional Reputation: Membership demonstrates your commitment to academic excellence and provides valuable research and recognition opportunities for students, highlighting your dedication to advancing educational standards.

Strengthened Atlantic Science Community: Networking is vital for students to find mentors, career opportunities, and collaborators. Our platforms facilitate these connections, supporting students in their academic and professional journeys.

Experiential Learning/Skill Development: Unique learning experiences through involvement in conferences and research presentations, enhancing their educational journey and career prospects.

Communications Hub: Improve collaboration and knowledge sharing within and among member institutions across Atlantic Canada. Focus on science, technology, education, and research.

Professional Development: Enhance faculty development and retention through access to growth opportunities and a collaborative network.