Benefits for Member and Non-Member Institutions

Premium Members

Premium Member Institutions have access to eXtension’s Standard Benefits, Basic Benefits and Premium Benefits. Premium Benefits include:

1. **Emerging Issues:** Connect with institutional faculty and organizations working in new technologies. eXtension’s Innovation Hubs, Learning Networks and Innovation Tanks connect faculty with exclusive opportunities that foster opportunities for innovation. Enjoy access to strategic partnerships and funding, first right of refusal to decline opportunities, funding from one of eXtension’s five fellowships and access to eXtension’s network of professionals to prototype and pilot technologies for real-world application;

2. **Professional Development:** Participate in relevant professional development on prioritized emerging issues and technologies. Access eXtension sponsored conferences at reduced rates, personal learning portfolios, customized professional development and course development systems; and

3. **Capacity Building:** Receive high quality services delivered at the optimum scope and scale for Premium Member Institutions. Services include: priority access to enhancements on eXtension core services, specialized tools and onsite consulting.

Basic Members

Basic Member Institutions not only have access to eXtension’s Standard Benefits, but also have access to eXtension’s Basic Benefits. Basic Benefits include:

1. **Professional Development:** Attend Learn webinars and virtual professional development events;

2. **Evaluation and Reporting:** Access exclusive benefits of the Learn and Ask an Expert core services including evaluation reports for Learn events, response rate data and profiles of custom services that provide educators with information about existing programs;
3. **Sponsored Conferences**: Participate in virtual and face-to-face conferences at a reduced rate;

4. **Board Position Eligibility**: Represent Member Institutions by having a director/administrator serve on the eXtension Board of Directors; and

5. **Voting Rights**: Nominate Board Member candidates from Region and elect the Region representatives serving on the Board of Directors.

### Non-Member Institutions

Non-Member land-grant institutions have access to eXtension’s Standard Benefits. Standard Benefits are the core services of the eXtension website and include:

1. **Search**: Search within Cooperative Extension resources;

2. **Learn**: Access online learning opportunities with a focus on professional development;

3. **Ask an Expert**: Discover what the public is interested in learning by accessing questions and answers; and

4. **Targeted Communities of Practice**: Engage in high functioning collective learning groups that foster emerging issues and technology priorities.

### Membership Meetings

**Who is entitled to vote**

Basic and Premium Member Institutions are entitled to vote for the five elected Board Members. Each Member Institution exercises its right to vote through its director or administrator of Cooperative Extension. The Chair of the Board will ask each Region that has a Board Member term ending to nominate candidates and then all Member Institutions vote for the new Board Member from the candidate slate.

**Notice**

The Chair of the Board will provide all Member Institutions with proper notice when a Region Board Member’s term is ending and a new Board Member must be elected. Notice will be provided by electronic transmission.

**Electronic Ballot**

Member Institutions will vote for the Board of Directors by electronic ballot transmitted over the internet. Member Institutions will log in to a secure web portal located on the eXtension website. The Member Institution will then have the opportunity to cast a vote for each of the open Region Board Member positions. Once the votes have been cast, the decision is final and the Member Institution will not be allowed to change or recast a vote.
**Obligations of Member Institutions**

**Payment of Membership Fee**
Member Institutions are required to pay a yearly Membership Fee. The 2016 calendar year membership for Premium Members is calculated at 0.6% of each Section Member Institution’s receipt of formula funds from the previous year enacted in the Smith-Lever 3(b) and (c) and 1890 Extension (Section 1444) lines. The 2016 calendar year membership for Basic Members is calculated at 0.48% of each Section Member Institution’s receipt of formula funds from the previous year enacted in the Smith-Lever 3(b) and (c) and 1890 Extension (Section 1444) lines. If an institution becomes a Member after the start of the calendar year, whether a Premium or Basic Member, the Membership Fee due will be prorated from the month the institution becomes a Member to the end of the calendar year.

**Terms of Use**
By accessing or using the eXtension website or any applications or information made available by eXtension, Member Institutions and Non-Member Institutions agree to be bound by the eXtension Terms of Use of those resources in effect from time to time. The eXtension Terms of Use are available through the eXtension website.

**eXtension Funding**
eXtension funding may be available to both Basic and Premium Member Institutions of eXtension. Funding is provided to reimburse Member Institutions for the work provided in furtherance of eXtension’s mission. The Member Institution’s acceptance and use of funding from eXtension will be subject to an Institutional Subcontract Agreement. All work product created by Member Institutions will be owned by the Member Institutions, subject to a license granted to eXtension to use the work product in furtherance of its mission, as more specifically set forth in the agreement.

**Management of Membership**

**Renewal**
Both the Basic and Premium Membership is for one (1) calendar year, unless prorated. Member Institutions may renew their membership each year by payment of the annual Membership Fee.

**Upgrades**
If an institution joins eXtension as a Basic Member, but later desires to enjoy all the benefits of Premium Membership, that institution may upgrade their membership at any time by paying the difference in the yearly Membership Fee. The 12-month Premium Membership term will begin on the date payment is received.

**Termination**

**Withdrawal**
A Member Institution may withdraw as a member of eXtension by giving written notice of the intent to withdraw to the Board of Directors. The institution will not be entitled to a refund of the Membership Fee paid.

**Suspension and Expulsion**
eXtension may suspend or expel any Member Institution “for cause” (see definition below) pursuant to procedures determined from time to time by the Board in accordance with RSMO § 355.211. Such procedures will provide the Member Institution with prior notice and the opportunity for a hearing before the Board of Directors. Any Member Institution suspended or expelled may be reinstated by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Board of Directors. The term “for cause” will include, but will not be limited to: (i) any violation of the rules, duties and other obligations set forth in the bylaws, member policies and procedures or agreements between eXtension and the Member Institution, including the duty to pay the annual Membership Fee; and (ii) any conduct that is prejudicial or non-facilitating to the interests and welfare of eXtension and its Member Institutions.