



CHARTERED
SOCIETY OF
DESIGNERS

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION GUIDANCE:

STUDENT MEMBER

- **Who can apply for Student membership**

As with any of the Chartered Society of Designers' membership categories, Student membership is offered globally and is suitable for those studying any aspect of design or design related subjects at any level prior to practicing.

Membership is available for those studying on either a full or part time basis whether on a short training course, apprenticeship, in further or higher education, including post graduate study.

- **What are the benefits of Student membership**

Becoming a Student Member of the Society offers a great deal:

Recognition

Use the words 'a Student Member of the Chartered Society of Designers' on your CV and Business cards signalling to potential employers that you are a member of the international professional body for designers.

Credibility

Signal to potential employers that you have studied on a design course that has been Accredited or Recognised by the professional body for design. Only for those studying on a CEP course.

Certificate

Receive a personal certificate bearing the Minerva seal validating the period of your membership.

Networking

Take full advantage of CSD's networks with access to a variety of events as well as opportunities to reach out to fellow designers through our social media channels and focus groups.

Resources

Gain access to all our student digital content including magazines, reports, advice columns, book reviews, portfolio galleries and much more.

Professional Development

Benefit from discounts on selected workshops and events, as well as portfolio gym sessions and other learning opportunities to help you prepare for your career and professional development.

Job Opportunities

Find employment opportunities across the spectrum of design fields from our recruitment partners, CSD members and their consultancies, and the design sector.

Promotion

Opportunities to reach out to potential clients and employers through our social networks and your own Student Level online personal membership profile.

News

Stay up to date with the latest news from the design industry with OnCourse, a digital broadcast targeted at students with content specifically relevant for CSD Student Members.

Events

Find out about our design exhibitions, shows, talks, debates, workshops and lectures, many with student discounted rates.

Discounts

Receive exclusive special offers from CSD and our partners on resources such as books, magazines and other materials.

Influence

As a CSD Student Member you will have the means via our social media networks, to influence the agenda of your chosen profession.

Awards

CSD deliver, partner and promote numerous design awards and competitions and being a CSD Student Member will ensure you get to know first about opportunities to participate.

- **How do I apply to become a Student Member**

If you are studying on a course participating in the CSD Course Endorsement Programme (CEP) either CSD Accredited or CSD Recognised you simply need to register. There are no application, joining or subscription fees.

Ask your tutor whether your course Accredited or Recognised by CSD.

If your course is not Accredited or Recognised by CSD then you are still able to join as a Student Member by applying online but you will need to pay.

Section 1 Registration - requires you to provide your personal and contact details which will be used to register your membership.

Section 2 Education - requires you to provide details of your study, institution, course title, award, tutor and dates of your course.

Section 3 Submission - requires that you agree to the Terms and Conditions of Membership, confirm whether or not you are studying on a CEP course and if not simply pay the membership fee via our online payment portal.

It's as simple as that.

- **What is the cost of Student membership**

For students on a CSD Accredited or Recognised course within CEP there are no costs.

Students on any other course pay a one off subscription of £40 for the duration of their course no matter how long.

If you are studying overseas then the student membership subscription is still £40 and any bank transfer or currency costs will be your responsibility and are in addition to the fee.

- **How long does my subscription last**

Once you have become a Student Member your membership remains active until the end of the calendar year in which you complete your course. For example if you graduate from your course in July your membership expires on the 31 December of that year.

It clearly makes sense to join or register as early in your course as possible to take full advantage of the period of your membership and maximise on your subscription.

- **What happens when my Student membership ends**

The Society hopes that during the period after studying until the end of the calendar year you will have secured employment in design or a design related subject and will want to progress your membership to the next level of Associate membership.

Associate membership allows you to use the post nominal Assoc.CSD signalling that you have embarked on a career as a professional designer.

It is also the first step in the Pathway to Chartered Designer with the support of your professional body.