



SOCIETY OF
Biology

Join **us**

Become an **Affiliated
Member Organisation**

The impact of the life sciences in the 21st century

The life sciences occupy a central position in everyday life. New discoveries are contributing to wealth creation, and to key quality of life issues in human and veterinary medicine, environmental protection and the sustainable exploitation of natural resources. This means that bioscience is firmly at the heart of many of the complex challenges we now face, including:

- How do we provide adequate resources for life science research?
- How do we maximise the social and economic benefits of new discoveries?
- How can we address challenging environmental issues and the consequences of climate change?
- How can scientists, industry and the public contribute to ensuring food security for all?
- How can we engage constructively, both with the public and with politicians, in crucial decisions that affect us all?

The role of the Society of Biology

A single unified voice for bioscience and bioscientists, the Society of Biology is the UK's leading professional association for the life sciences. We represent and support more than 14,000 individual members, together with almost 100 professional bodies and other organisations. With a wide (and ever-broadening) range of influence, the Society enables individual members and Member Organisations to participate in its work to advise Government, influence policy and stimulate public interest in the life sciences.

The Society's vision is of a world that understands the true value of the life sciences and how they can contribute to improving life for all, and Member Organisations (MOs) can play a significant role in helping us to achieve this aim.





Since forming in 2009 we've provided **300,000 people with the opportunity to engage in hands-on biology** at public events



We've inspired **18,000 people** to take part in citizen science projects

Why your organisation should get involved

Affiliated organisational membership of the Society of Biology provides a cost-effective way for organisations to proactively align themselves and their work with this key area, and to promote their products and/or services to a significant network of individuals and organisations with an interest in the life sciences.

Via the Society's vast extended network, Affiliated Member Organisations (AMOs) have access to a wide range of promotional and advertising opportunities, and receive many valuable benefits.

We've reached out
to **113,000 school
students** through
our annual
competitions

We've organised
500 events
around the UK



We've responded
to **100 science
policy and
education
consultations**

Who should apply for **Affiliated Organisational Membership?**

The Society of Biology has several categories of membership for organisations, to ensure that all can get involved in an appropriate (and cost-effective) way.

Affiliated organisational membership is specifically designed to meet the needs of organisations whose core business is not based in, or around the life sciences, but who are keen to align themselves and their work with this key area, and to promote their products and/or services to thousands of people within the Society of Biology's extended networks (details overleaf).

Affiliated organisational membership provides an efficient, cost-effective means of raising awareness of your company and services to thousands of potential customers, with an involvement or interest in the life sciences.



We've
organised **40**
Parliamentary
events
across the UK



The Society of Biology extended network

- **More than 14,000 individual members**
Scientists, industry leaders, lecturers, teachers, students and interested members of the public.
- **60 Full Member Organisations**
Individual members and staff;
Full MOs are typically biology-led member organisations.
- **30 Supporting Member Organisations**
Individual staff;
Supporting MOs are typically organisations with a strong interest in the life sciences (and the activities of the Society) that wish to remain involved in our work.
- **300 SCAS organisational members**
(Schools and Colleges Affiliation Scheme)
- **10,000 interested members of the public,**
Who engage with citizen science projects every year.
- **35,000 school pupils** who engage with our competitions every year.
- **Other bioscience networks,** via our e-newsletters.



Benefits to Affiliated Organisational Members

Affiliated MOs can make use of key networking opportunities, designed to help them to both meet, and reach as many key contacts as possible within the field of biology. These include:

- **Invitations** to Society of Biology Parliamentary events
- **50% job advertising discount** on our jobs board
- **Discounted sponsorship opportunities** at Society events
- **25% discount** on general Society advertising

Additional benefits include:

- 50% discounted rate on a wide range of courses, workshops and training events on key skills for all individual staff members
- Free course approval for CPD purposes
- Members' e-bulletin – monthly email containing updates on Society activities and other news
- Discounted room hire at Charles Darwin House – our central London head office
- Opportunity to publicise events and services on our website
- Invitations to attend MO and other networking meetings
- 30% discount for all staff to join the Society for their first two years

Becoming an **Affiliated Member Organisation**

Membership subscriptions for Affiliated MOs are based on annual organisational income and start from as little as £300 a year.

If you would like to become an Affiliated Member Organisation, and become more closely aligned with the life sciences, please email membership@societyofbiology.org

