Why Join the Cornell Institute of Fashion and Fiber Innovation?

- Cultivate innovation in the fashion and textile industry
- Opportunities to engage with world class expertise and facilities at Cornell via collaborative research and events.
- Engagement with and mentorship of Cornell students
- Networking with other CIFFI members
- R&D Cost Reduction based on membership level
- “Co-branding” with Cornell through sponsorship of events and publications.

Members of the Institute support its mission financially and by in-kind giving of services or professional expertise. All members are expected to participate in Institute programs, attend Institute meetings and events and contribute ideas and energy to the advancement of the Institute’s mission. Members are expected to play important roles in the research, education, and technology transfer goals of Institute. Members (or their representatives) participate in Institute programs as researchers, student mentors and advisors, and in other capacities such as serving as guest lecturers, tour coordinators, etc.

Levels of Membership

Founding
In the first three years of the establishment of the Institute, Cornell will invite corporations, organizations and professionals, who have made substantial contributions (i.e., at least $100,000 in cash or in-kind contributions) in support of the mission of the Institute and the development of the Department of Fiber Science & Apparel Design, to become Founding Members of the Institute. The invitation will be at the discretion of the Institute Director with the endorsement of the Chair of Fiber Science and Apparel Design (FSAD) and the Dean of the College of Human Ecology.

Founding members will receive all of the membership benefits of Strategic Partners, without payment of membership dues, for up to four years. Thereafter, Founding Members may continue to participate in Institute at the membership level of their choice.

Strategic Partner

All benefits accorded to individual and corporate members, plus:

- Membership on advisory board by invitation.
- Guidance on the use of contributions in excess of corporate level membership dues ($5,000) in accordance with Cornell’s restricted gifts guidelines.
- Minimum Annual Contribution $25,000
**Corporate member**

All benefits of Individual Membership, plus:

- Institute discounted rates on equipment and other research costs (user instruments and rates provided separately).
- Discounts on applied or fundamental research contracts (discounts on research contracts will be limited to 15% of total costs for projects totaling $150K or less, maximum annual discount per partner is $22,500).
- Review of the technical and commercial merit of specific research projects within the Institute.
- Options to co-sponsor an issue of a newsletter / journal or an event.
- Minimum Annual contribution $5,000

**Individual member**

- Participation in regular Institute events, meetings, presentations, workshops, symposia and other networking / development venues.
- Subscription to all issues of the newsletter / journal, progress and technical reports, whitepaper distribution
- Minimum Annual Contribution $100

**Student member**

- Invitation to networking events with industry partners.
- Potential to engage with research projects and outreach activities.

Complimentary

If you are interested in becoming a Corporate Member, e-mail us at ciffi@cornell.edu.

**Faculty Fellows**

Cornell University faculty members who are willing to contribute towards the mission of CIFFI are invited to join as Faculty Fellows. Faculty Fellows from other institutions may also be invited and appointed.

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