



# Association of Science-Technology Centers

## Governing Member Application

### I. Contact information

<b>Name of Director:</b>			
<b>Title (e.g. Executive Director, President):</b>			
<b>Name of Institution:</b>			
<b>Address:</b>			
<b>City:</b>		<b>State/Province:</b>	
<b>Zip/Postal Code:</b>		<b>Country:</b>	
<b>Phone:</b>		<b>Fax:</b>	
<b>E-mail:</b>		<b>Web site:</b>	
<b>Name, title of person completing application:</b>			

### II. Profile

<b>Staff</b>	Number of full-time paid staff:	
	Number of part-time paid staff:	
	Number of volunteer staff:	

<b>Facilities</b>	Gross building interior space:	
	Total interior exhibit space:	
	Measurements in <input type="checkbox"/> square feet <input type="checkbox"/> square meters	

<b>Financial</b>	Total operating income*:	
	Total operating expenses*:	
	Please indicate currency:	

<b>Attendance</b>	Total on-site attendance*:	
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\*please use data from your most recently completed fiscal year

### III. Questions

1. A science center/museum is an organized and permanent not-for-profit institution, dedicated to increasing the public's understanding of science and technology, which provides exhibits, programs, and activities addressing a broad spectrum of scientific disciplines and topics. Science centers/museums show dedication to the use of informal learning methods and use a broad array of delivery techniques for science learning experiences while serving as a resource for a community's science education needs.

Using the characteristics defined above, does your institution identify itself as a science center/museum?

2. Does the science center/museum have not-for-profit status?
3. Is the science center/museum staffed and open to the public at least 1,800 hours per year and six days per week?
4. Is the science center's/museum's *primary* mission to increase the public understanding of science?

Please state the mission or append a copy of the mission statement.

5. Describe how the science center/museum achieves its mission.

6. Science centers/museums use a broad array of delivery techniques for science education learning experiences (experiential, tactile, and kinesthetic exhibits; participatory programs, hands-on activities; inquiry-based learning). Participatory exhibits and programs encourage visitors to experiment, to have hands-on experiences, to manipulate variables, to observe phenomena, and to ask "what-if" questions.

To what extent do the science center's/museum's exhibits and programs employ such visitor participation techniques?

7. Does the science center/museum offer exhibits, programs, and activities addressing a broad spectrum of scientific disciplines and topics such as physical sciences, natural sciences, mathematics, and technology? Please provide examples.

8. Describe how the science center/museum serves as a resource for its community. How does your institution ensure that all segments of your community are participating in the life of the center?

#### IV. Supporting materials and signature

Please send **two** copies the following required materials for the ASTC Membership Committee's review:

\_\_\_\_\_ Most recently audited financial statement

\_\_\_\_\_ Most recent newsletter

\_\_\_\_\_ Visitors' guide with floor plan or map

\_\_\_\_\_ Brochures and other descriptive materials about your institution's exhibits, programs, and facilities. Please include your most recently published Annual Report, if available.

#### ASTC's leadership is committed to the following Core and Strategic Values:

##### Core

- Public understanding of science
- Strength in collaboration
- Joy of experiential learning
- Superior service to members

##### Strategic

- Quality, excellence, and innovation
- International perspective
- Equity and diversity
- Members strengthening their own communities
- Leadership

Do you agree with and demonstrate a strong commitment to these values?  Yes  No

#### ASTC's Statement on Science:

Science is a human endeavor that uses observations and experimentation to develop explanations of the natural world. Scientific theories are grounded in and compatible with evidence, internally consistent, and demonstrably effective in explaining a wide variety of phenomena. Science is based on hundreds of years of scientific observation and experimentation and many thousands of peer-reviewed publications.

Does your organization agree with ASTC's *Statement on Science*?  Yes  No

On behalf of our institution, I affirm that, to the best of my knowledge, we meet the criteria of an ASTC Governing member.

If approved as a Governing member, I acknowledge that my organization's ASTC Site Visit and Peer Consultation must be completed within two years.

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President, Chief Executive, Director, or the equivalent  
(Signature)

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Date

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