

Associate Membership

The Tantalum-Niobium International Study Center (T.I.C.) welcomes applications for associate membership from organisations or individuals that are generally not commercially involved in the tantalum or niobium industry.

Associate membership is open to government institutions, non-governmental organisations and civil society, educational institutions and universities, and other non-commercial individuals. Organisations that are commercially involved (either directly or as consultants or agents) in the tantalum and niobium industries must apply for corporate membership. The T.I.C. Executive Committee is the final authority regarding whether an applicant is able to apply as an associate member or not, and all current and former corporate T.I.C. members are not eligible for associate membership.

Associate members:

- Will be invited to attend the T.I.C. conference at the members' rate or not-for-profits' rate if the latter is applicable, and they have the right to invite guests (at the non-member rate).
- Will be invited to attend the annual general meeting but cannot vote on motions.
- Will be invited to any informal meetings and other gatherings of the membership.
- Will receive both paper and electronic copies of the quarterly Bulletin newsletter.
- Will be listed as an associate member on the T.I.C. website (www.TaNb.org) and in the printed annual report.
- Membership in an individual capacity gives the right to send that one person to the General Assembly.

Applying for associate membership

Applicants for associate membership are subject to a brief interview by the T.I.C. Executive Marketing Manager (via phone/Teams) and acceptance is decided by an anonymous vote by ballot paper of the corporate members of the T.I.C. at the next annual general meeting, to be held on September 9th, 2024, in Tokyo, Japan.

Applicants are required to explain how their situation qualifies for associate status rather than corporate membership, and this explanation will be verified by the T.I.C. Associates will have a duty to declare any modification in their commercial activity which means that they should become corporate members.

The completed form should include confirmation that the applicant has read and understood the following policies of the T.I.C.:

- [Artisanal and small-scale mining \(ASM\) policy](#)
- [Transport policy](#)
- [Anti-trust compliance policy](#)
- [Data protection policy](#)

The membership fee for the year May 1st 2024 to April 30th 2025 is 500 euros. The Executive Committee decides each year in January the membership fee for the following financial year.

To be considered on **September 9th, 2024**, the application should be submitted by **August 9th 2024** at the latest.

For further information, please contact the secretariat of the T.I.C. at info@tanb.org.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW AND RETURN IT TO THE T.I.C.

Application for Associate Membership of the T.I.C.

Name of institution (if applicable):

Nationality of institution (if applicable):

Name of delegate:

Nationality of delegate:

Title of delegate (Mr, Ms, Dr...):

Address of institution:

Telephone no.:

Email address of delegate:

Email address of institution (if applicable):

Website address (if applicable):

VAT no. (if applicable):

Applicant is: Academic institution / University professor / Government institution /
 Non-Governmental Organisation / Individual / Other (please explain)

Basis for applying to be an associate member (rather than applying for corporate membership):

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I confirm I have read and understood the T.I.C.'s artisanal and small-scale mining policy, transport policy, anti-trust compliance policy and data protection policy (available on <https://www.tanb.org/>).

On behalf of applicant – complete and sign:

Name and title	Date	Place	Signature
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