ITD Alliance Membership: Benefits and Opportunities

About the ITD Alliance

The Global Alliance for Inter- and Transdisciplinarity (ITD Alliance) is a premier professional society representing the interests of institutions and individuals undertaking interdisciplinary, transdisciplinary and other forms of boundary-crossing research, education and practice to address complex societal and socio-ecological issues. The ITD Alliance provides a global home for a diverse and growing community of researchers, educators and practitioners.

The ITD Alliance aims to:
- promote the visibility and activities of its members;
- support learning, networking, community building and collaboration;
- provide a strong collective voice influencing research and education policy, funding and strategic decision-making worldwide;
- advance quality and professional standards; and
- serve as a trusted point of contact and knowledge hub.

Membership Benefits and Opportunities

The ITD Alliance provides multiple benefits and opportunities, enabling institutional and individual members to get involved in ways that suit their interests, needs, capacities and priorities.

Financial Rewards
- For institutional members, receive free individual memberships for several employees and students (value of up to CHF 100 each), dependent on the size of the institution.
- For individual members, receive reduced registration fees at ITD Alliance and other conferences and events.
- Gain access to funding opportunities open only to members.

Visibility and Signalling Commitment
- Benefit from global visibility on the ITD Alliance website as an institutional or individual leader in the practice, promotion and development of interdisciplinary, transdisciplinary and related research, education and practice.
- Publicly demonstrate commitment to inter- and transdisciplinarity by listing institutional or individual membership on websites, e-mails and other forms of communication.

Engagement through Conferences, Working Groups and Regional Networks
- Attend ITD conferences, co-organised by the ITD Alliance, which are major community building activities that take place every 2-3 years. Conferences provide a forum to showcase your future-shaping activities, keep up-to-date with developments in the field, network, and build new collaborations.
- Join one or more of the four ITD Alliance working groups which advance thinking about:
    - integration;
    - toolkits and methods;
    - organisational change to foster inter- and transdisciplinarity; and
    - supporting early career researchers through networking and collaboration.

You could also get involved in forming new working groups around topics you are passionate about.

- Form or join a regional network to connect with others in your geographical and cultural proximity. The ITD Alliance is still in the early stages of forming regional networks, so there is ample opportunity to shape their direction and activities.

Communication, Exchange and Resource Building

- Contribute to the ITD Alliance news bulletin, sharing your achievements, publications, events and opportunities, while staying informed about developments in the field, policy news, funding calls, prizes and activities across the community. Each institutional and individual member is also featured once a year in the news bulletin to facilitate visibility and to recognise contributions to the ITD Alliance.
- Access and contribute to a rich set of online resources on the ITD Alliance website, including:
  - a directory of member institutions and individuals to increase connections, networking and collaboration
  - a list of journals that publish interdisciplinary, transdisciplinary, and related research
  - member publications
  - education and training materials
  - videos of webinars and key meetings and event archives.

A Collective Voice on Funding and Policy

- Collaborate on submissions to government, funding bodies and other relevant enquiries about the advantages and practicalities of inter- and transdisciplinarity and other collective modes of boundary crossing.

Leadership and Governance

- Stand for election to the Leadership Board, helping to shape future directions and strategic priorities of the ITD Alliance.
- Lead or co-organise events, such as webinars, workshops or thematic discussions on issues of interest to the inter- and transdisciplinarity community.
- Invite the ITD Alliance to co-sponsor your institution's conferences, summits, workshops and other events, drawing on our talented global membership and extended networks.
- Exercise your voting rights on bylaw changes, election of Leadership Board members and other significant matters affecting the ITD Alliance.

Join the ITD Alliance

To fulfil our global mission, the ITD Alliance depends on broad membership across world regions and diverse traditions of engaged boundary crossing. Our collaborative ethos and commitment to collective ownership are reflected in the member-led and member-focused nature of the ITD Alliance.

The benefits and opportunities provided by the ITD Alliance are organised and run by members in a voluntary capacity, with vital support from the Executive Secretary, whose position is funded by institutional and individual membership fees. There is still much to do to realise our vision for the ITD Alliance and moving forward relies on growing our membership and funding base. Join us!