

Affiliate Partnership Program

The purpose of the program is to establish close cooperation and information/technology transfer between groups interested in supporting wireless communications research at Virginia Tech. The affiliates program currently offers silver and gold membership. Gold membership automatically enrolls the affiliate as a member in the Wireless Internet Center for Advanced Technology (WICAT). Both silver and gold memberships offer an optional industry fellow program. The affiliate relationship is an excellent way to get broad access to research, and sets the stage for additional teaming opportunities. Wireless @ Virginia Tech will play an active role in assisting affiliate partners in their recruiting efforts. The program also offers access to group publications and free educational versions of software tools developed by Wireless @ Virginia Tech faculty and students.

Silver Membership

Silver membership is particularly suited to companies seeking a connection to the group and a working relationship with students and faculty. This membership level is well suited for companies seeking to recruit students from Wireless @ Virginia Tech.

Gold Membership

Gold membership includes all benefits of the silver partner and membership in WICAT.

WICAT

The Wireless Internet Center for Advanced Technology (WICAT) is a multi- university R&D center sponsored by the National Science Foundation. The Polytechnic Institute of New York University is the lead institution in WICAT. WICAT researchers work closely with industrial sponsors through the Industrial Affiliates Program. The research programs help the sponsoring industries to increase the value of their investments in wireless technology by providing them with insight into leading edge technologies and strategies for leveraging technology investments.

Fees

Cost of the silver membership is \$35,000 per year, with a non-binding request to support the program for three years. The industry fellow program is \$30,000 per year, per student. The cost of the gold membership is \$40,000. Checks should be made to Treasurer, Virginia Tech, and mailed to Wireless @ Virginia Tech, ATTN: Jenny Frank, 432 Durham Hall, MC 0350, Blacksburg, VA, 24061.



Wireless Industry Fellow Program

This program is offered as an additional, optional feature with the silver or gold membership. This program offers an opportunity to support a fellowship designated for a specific faculty member to award to a selected graduate student. The selected graduate fellow is expected to develop a close relationship with the member company sponsoring the fellowship. The student and the company are encouraged to consider summer internship or exchange arrangements and to collaborate on research/thesis directions. The company may also be invited to provide a researcher to serve on the student's thesis committee.

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Important Links

Affiliates

<http://wireless.vt.edu/affiliates.html>

Partnership Agreement

<http://wireless.vt.edu/affiliates/WirelessPartnerAgreement.pdf>

Project Abstracts

<http://wireless.vt.edu/symposium/2009/symposium09.html>

WICAT

<http://www.wicat.poly.edu/>