

BRINGING UK POLYMER RESEARCHERS TOGETHER

Polymer IRC - Universities of Leeds Bradford, Durham, Sheffield

IRC Industrial Network Membership

The Academic Network

Established in 1989, the Polymer IRC is a major UK European and global focal point for multidisciplinary polymer science and soft-nanotechnology. It connects research scientists and technologists at the universities of Leeds, Bradford, Durham and Sheffield and the industrial research community, working to increase the number of active academic/industrial research partnerships in areas of common interest.

The IRC develops links for mutually beneficial collaborative work across the disciplines of chemistry, engineering, materials science and physics through the sharing of skills, knowledge and technology and encouraging entrepreneurship across the polymer research community.



The Industrial Network

A major aim of the IRC is to build strong relationships with the industrial community. Becoming an Industrial Network Member offers:

- access the research, technical development, knowledge transfer and enterprise activities of internationally recognized experts through a single gateway;
- Network with other researchers to gain understanding across disciplines to develop new thinking and approaches;
- plug into technical and scientific developments at an early stage;
- convert networking opportunity into technical innovation;
- gain interdisciplinary understanding and develop new thinking and approaches;
- opportunities to identify potential industry recruits from networking with academic researchers.



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polymer expertise in Europe.

3 Levels of Membership according to your company's
needs, from £999 + VAT.

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Partnership

The IRC can provide assistance to a diverse range of industries including (but not limited to) those involved in the production of plastics, elastomers, man-made fibres, adhesives, composite materials, surface coatings, food, packaging, personal care and medical sectors. Academics in the IRC network actively engage with industrial members, providing opportunities to develop first-class working relationships with internationally recognised experts. Regular meetings encourage the development of a common language and the sharing of skills, knowledge and technology necessary for successful innovation in polymer science and technology.

Exchanging ideas with other professional researchers in this way allows industrialists and academics to develop a better grasp of each other's needs, encouraging the conversion of networking opportunities into technical advances.

The wide range of core expertise includes :

- polymer synthesis;
- polymer self-assembly;
- molecular modelling;
- computer modelling of processing and products;
- materials characterisation ;
- polymer processing.



The IRC can tackle almost any polymer related challenge, including those that arise in nanotechnology, the control of polymer process and production, energy efficiency, polymers in electronic devices, biopolymers and medical/biomedical applications.

The IRC also provides high quality training through its modular short-course programme, workshops and conferences, with discounts on prices available to network members.

Consultancy and testing services are available at additional cost.

Meetings

Spring Meeting

This is a highly interactive meeting held either at an academic or member company's site. This meeting allows industrialists and academics to "plug-in" to what is going on in each other's environments, providing inspiration for collaboration and innovation. The meeting takes a "show and tell" format, investigating selected research themes from across the network. The event also provides the opportunity to review the industrial research landscape, its aspirations and current market conditions.



There is also the opportunity to review PhD students' work at the poster session and evaluate them as potential recruits.

Autumn Meeting—UK Polymer Showcase

The Autumn meeting for network members runs in conjunction with our Annual UK Polymer Showcase meeting. The Showcase presents a themed series of lectures from high profile speakers. The meeting is open to delegates from across the polymer community to encourage participation from as wide an audience as possible. The meeting is free to network members.

Discussion Meeting on Technical Issues

Senior and Associate members are entitled to annual meetings with representatives from the IRC to discuss company needs and potential areas for partnership. These meetings are usually member led and can be scheduled to coincide with the Spring and Autumn meetings if desired. The IRC will bring together academics with the skills required to assist the industrialists, saving both time and money.

The meetings are designed to inspire proposals for mutually beneficial joint projects, but are not a substitute for consultancy or significant work. The dialogue will be carried out under a mutual non-disclosure agreement if required.

Membership Levels

There are three levels of membership available that allow us to cater for the needs of large corporate research groups through to smaller organisations and individuals who would like to keep in touch with the latest developments in science and technology for their own personal development.

Senior Network Member

- Entitlement for up to **6 representatives** to attend the Spring Meeting and Showcase Meeting, including normal delegate package, but excluding accommodation costs.
- Entitlement for up to **6 representatives** to attend network members dinner.
- Inclusion in **priority mailing list** for technology alerts and selected events.
- Up to **33% discount** on fee paying workshops for up to **6 delegates**.
- **Preferential discounted rates** and limited **free tuition places** (subsistence charges will apply), on the annual modular training course programme run by the Polymer IRC.
- Up to **2 private meetings** per year with representatives from the IRC to discuss company activities, potential areas for interactions and pathways to funding. This allows an initial meeting and the opportunity to follow up on the ideas generated.
- Opportunity to attend an IRC "Clinic", to discuss technical issues and collaborative opportunities.
- Opportunity to advertise company vacancies to potential recruits within the IRC.
- Inclusion of the company in IRC promotional material at the company's discretion.



£11,600 + VAT

Associate Network Member

- Entitlement for up to **3 representatives** to attend the Spring Meeting and Showcase Meeting, including normal delegate package, but excluding accommodation costs.
- Entitlement for up to **3 representatives** to attend network members dinner.
- Inclusion in **priority mailing list** for technology alerts and selected events.
- Up to **20% discount** on fee paying workshops for up to **3 delegates**.
- **Preferential discounted rates** on the annual modular training course programme run by the Polymer IRC.
- **A private annual meeting** with representatives from the IRC to discuss company activities, potential areas for interactions and pathways to funding.
- Opportunity to attend an IRC "Clinic", to discuss technical issues and collaborative opportunities.
- Opportunity to advertise company vacancies to potential recruits within the IRC.
- Inclusion of the company in IRC promotional material at the company's discretion.



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Individual Network Member

- The **named member** may attend the Spring Meeting and Showcase Meeting, including normal delegate package, but excluding accommodation costs.
- **Named member** may attend network members dinner.
- Inclusion in **priority mailing list** for technology alerts and selected events.
- Up to **10% discount for the named member** on fee paying workshops and annual modular training course programme run by the IRC.
- Opportunity to attend an IRC "Clinic", to discuss technical issues and collaborative opportunities.
- Opportunity to advertise company vacancies to potential recruits within the IRC.
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Membership will be renewable annually. Notice of intention to leave the network is required at least 1 month before the renewal date.



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