

Bylaws on Membership Categories and Fees of the Japanese Society for Neuroscience

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(Purpose)

Article 1

These bylaws establish the necessary regulations in accordance with the regulations of Article 5 (“Types of membership”), Article 7 (“Membership”), and Article 8 (“Membership Fee”) of the Articles of Incorporation of the Japan Neuroscience Society.

(Types of membership)

Article 2

This corporation shall have the following types of members.

1. Regular members: Those who are engaged in research in neuroscience and related fields and who agree with the purpose of this corporation and join.

Regular Members may choose from the following categoryies based on their ~~place of residence or other~~ characteristics.

~~1)-Overseas Regular Members: Regular Members who reside overseas~~

~~2)-1)~~ Junior Members: Former Student Members who have been out of graduate school or university for five years or less

~~3)-Overseas Junior Members: Junior Members who reside overseas~~

2. Student members: Those who are enrolled in a graduate school or university, majoring in or studying neuroscience and related fields, and who agree with the purpose of this corporation and join.

~~Student members may choose from the following category based on their place of residence:~~

~~1)-Overseas Student members~~

3. Senior member: A regular member aged 65 or older who has been a regular member for 15 years or more and has no unpaid dues.
4. Honorary member: A member aged 65 years or older who has served as the President of this corporation (including the president in the time of a voluntary organization before incorporation), President of an annual meeting, or Editor-in-Chief of the JNS official journal.
5. Supporting members: Individuals or organizations who are interested in the activities of this corporation and have joined to support them.

(Admission Fee)

Article 3

Any person wishing to become a member of this corporation must pay the following admission fee, depending on the type of membership.

- 1) Regular Member: 3,000 yen
- 2) Student Member: 3,000 yen
- 3) Supporting Member: 0 yen

(Membership Fees)

Article 4

Members (excluding Honorary Members) must pay the following annual membership fees.

1. Regular Member: 10,000 yen
~~1) Overseas Regular Member: 5,000 yen~~
~~2) Junior Member: 6,000 yen~~
~~3) Overseas Junior Member: 3,000 yen~~
2. Student Member: 3,000 yen
~~Overseas Student Member: 1,000 yen~~
3. Senior Member: 5,000 yen
4. Supporting Member: 100,000 yen (per unit)

(Due Date for Membership Fees)

Article 5

Members must pay the full annual membership fee by ~~December~~ March 31 of each year.

(Member Benefits, etc.)

Article 6

Members shall be entitled to the benefits and subject to the restrictions set forth in the attached table, depending on the type of membership specified in Article 2.

(Amendments and Repeal)

Article 7

Amendments to or repeals of these bylaws shall be made by resolution of the General Assembly of Members, following a resolution by the Board of Directors.

Detailed Bylaws on Membership Categories and Fees - Appendix

Membership Category		Admission		Annual Fee	Receiving Email Delivery for Members	Access to Member Websites	Access to NSR (Online Journal)	Right to recommend prospective members	Election of Councilors		Election of Board of Directors		Annual Meeting		
		Select at the time of admission	Admission Fee						Voting Right	Eligibility for Election	Voting Right	Eligibility for Election	Registration Fee	Submitting an abstract	Reception Fee
Regular Member	Regular Member (within Japan)	○	¥3,000	¥10,000	○	○	○	○	○	○	Councilors only	Councilors only	Charged	○	Charged
	Overseas Regular Member	○	¥8,000	¥6,000	○	○	○	○	○	○	Councilors only	Councilors only	Charged	○	Charged
	Junior Member (within Japan)	×		¥6,000	○	○	○	×	○	○	Councilors only	Councilors only	Charged	○	Charged
	Overseas Junior Member	×		¥6,000	○	○	○	×	○	○	Councilors only	Councilors only	Charged	○	Charged
Student Member	Student Member (within Japan)	○	¥3,000	¥3,000	○	○	○	×	×	×	×	×	Charged	○	Charged
	Overseas Student Member	○	¥8,000	¥1,000	○	○	○	×	×	×	×	×	Charged	○	Charged
Senior Member		×		¥5,000	○	○	○	×	×	×	×	×	Free of Charge	×	Charged
Honorary Member		×		¥0	○	○	○	×	×	×	×	×	Free of Charge	×	Free of Charge
													*Charged as a regular member if you wish to present an abstract		
Supporting Member		○	¥0	¥100,000	○	○	○	×	×	×	×	×	Charged	○	Charged

Detailed Bylaws on Membership Categories and Fees - Appendix (Continued)

- Members (excluding Honorary Members) who fail to pay their dues for two consecutive years or more shall lose their membership status.
- In order for a Regular Member to recommend a new member, the member must have paid membership fees for the two most recent years, including the current fiscal year.
- Members may take a one-year leave of absence by submitting a notice of leave of absence and obtaining the Society's approval when their research is interrupted due to life events (such as maternity leave, parental leave, caregiver leave, or medical leave). During the leave of absence, members are exempt from paying membership fees, but their membership rights are suspended.
- Members on leave of absence may extend their leave for up to five years, in one-year increments, by submitting a new leave of absence request and obtaining approval by the end of February of the year in which their leave is scheduled to end. If no new leave of absence request is submitted, their membership will be terminated.
- To resume membership after a leave of absence, submit a notice of reinstatement. No recommendation from a Regular Member or reinstatement fee is required for reinstatement.
- Members who have previously canceled their membership and wish to rejoin must pay a readmission fee of 3,000 yen and the annual membership fee applicable to their membership status. However, a recommendation from a Regular Member is not required for readmission.
- Regular Members who have readmitted the society are eligible to recommend new members during that fiscal year.
- If a Student Member is in high school or below, the admission fee and annual membership fee are waived.
- Student Members must submit to the Society a copy of an official document verifying their student status within the renewal period to renew their student membership.
- If a former Student Member loses that status or fails to renew their membership as a Student Member, they will be registered as a Junior Member ~~or Overseas Junior Member~~ for a period of five years.
- Regular Members may transition to Senior Member starting the year following the fiscal year in which they turn 65, upon their own request.
- Regular Members who are eligible for Honorary Membership may transition to Honorary Membership upon request from the Society, starting the year following the fiscal year in which they turn 65.
- For individuals residing in “low-income countries”—as defined by the World Bank’s GNI per capita (gross national income per capita) indicator—the admission fee and annual membership fee will be waived (refunded) upon request.