

Associate Membership Categories for Non-Orthopaedic Surgeons

Associate Membership - Basic Science

Basic requirements: The status of Associate Membership-Basic Science may be conferred upon an individual holding a doctorate degree or its equivalent who is engaged in the full time research of basic science related to orthopaedic surgery and who has demonstrated achievement in research and education for orthopaedic surgery. Applicants in this category must also provide a Curriculum Vitae and bibliography demonstrating recent publications in peer reviewed journals (a minimum of two articles within 3 years prior to application).

Associate Membership – Allied Specialty

Basic requirements: The status of Associate Membership - Allied Specialty may be conferred upon distinguished physicians who are not orthopaedic surgeons who hold the degrees of M.D. or D.O. and whose activities, interests and contributions are closely related to orthopaedic surgery.

Additional Requirements: A completed application form, supporting documents, five letters of recommendation and Curriculum Vitae. Compliance with the AAOS Standards of Professionalism.

Application process: Completion and submittal of the Associate Allied Specialty/Basic Science Member application and accompanying documentation during the recruitment period. All applications are reviewed by the Membership Committee and Associate Member status is considered pending until final approval by the AAOS Board of Directors. Applicants are approved and accepted as a “class” each year in October. The full application process can take between 4 and 12 months. See application for specific details and application timeline.

Recruitment period: Annually from November through July.

Dues & Membership Cycle: Mandatory initiation fee of \$75 billed immediately upon acceptance. Yearly Dues are \$125 for the period of April 1st through March 31st. Both of these membership categories are continuous and are automatically billed every March for the upcoming dues cycle.