

Times Industry Participation Program (TIPP)

Purpose: The purpose of the Industry Participation Program is to provide industry organizations with an opportunity to interact with the Tulane Institute for Macromolecular Engineering and Science (TIMES) on projects of mutually beneficial interest. The TIMES Industry Participation Program (TIPP) will help achieve the overall mission of TIMES, which is “to contribute to the research needs of the polymer industry and industries that use polymers, by conducting world class basic and applied research of long term relevance to the industry, through contracts, grants and focused research, and to disseminate this knowledge through publications, seminars and education.”

Participation Levels: There are three basic participation levels as outlined below, depending upon the level of financial support provided to TIMES. The benefits to industry are commensurate with the level of financial support.

Benefits for TIPP PARTICIPANTS

| Benefits | Affiliate | Associate | Advisory |
|---|------------|-------------|-------------|
| Seat(s) at annual symposia meeting | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| One representative on Advisory Board | No | No | Yes |
| Complimentary analysis | 1 day/year | 3 days/year | 5 days/year |
| Student mentorship (design projects, theses, dissertations) | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Development of short courses at rates to be negotiated | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Access to potential employees | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Copies of TULANE reports and publications | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Reduced analytical rates for TIMES instrumentation | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Acknowledgement in literature and publicity at national meetings | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Intern (s)* | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Additional analytical services at internal rates (see over)+ | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Receive early access to research publications, following journal acceptance | Yes | Yes | Yes |

*Interns may serve during the summer or school terms. Salaries will be paid by industry. Performances will be assessed by TULANE and PARTICIPANT personnel.

+In addition to complementary analysis, internal rates apply on analysis up to the value of the selected Annual Membership Cost. External rates apply after that.

Annual Cost for TIPP Participants

| | Affiliate | Associate | Advisory |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| Minimum Annual Membership Cost | \$2,000 | \$10,000 | \$15,000 |

Other forms of collaboration: In addition to the Industrial Participation Program, industry organizations may want to consider the following forms of collaboration with TIMES:

- Grants to single investigators or groups of investigators
- Contract research
- Pursuit of dormant patents
- Federally sponsored collaborative research; e.g. SBIR/STTR or NSF/GOALI
- Opportunity for new business development ventures

Confidential Research Agreements can be executed through Tulane’s Office of Research.

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