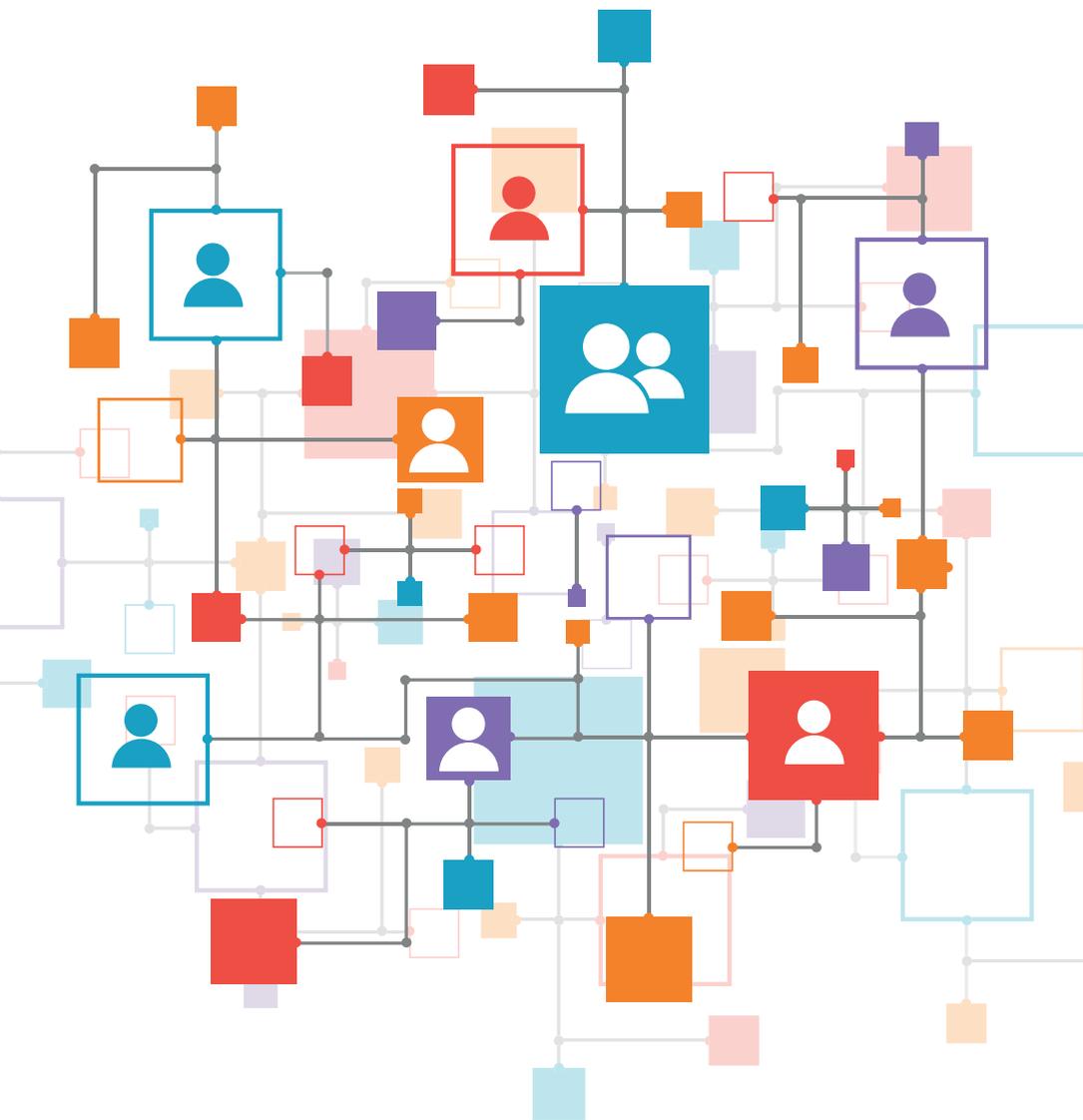


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The Institute of Physics is a leading scientific society. We are a charitable organisation with a worldwide membership of around 50,000, working together to advance physics education, research and application. We engage with policymakers and the general public to develop awareness and understanding of the value of physics, and, through IOP Publishing, we are world leaders in professional scientific communications.

Visit us at **[iop.org](http://iop.org)**.

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# An introduction to the IOP

## For physics

With a membership of around 50,000, the Institute of Physics is a place where anyone interested in physics can come and find something to spark enthusiasm and involvement. By joining, you can be an integral part of the physics community.

### **Working for physics, the Institute:**

- communicates developments in the field from across the world through its internationally acclaimed range of magazines and journals
- maintains the health of the discipline through the accreditation of physics degrees and graduate training schemes
- sets professional standards for physicists
- actively promotes physics and the views of the physics community to and within education and industry
- runs international activities to promote physics as a driver for change
- promotes physics in schools by supporting curriculum development, providing classroom resources, and running teacher and student events
- runs extensive public-engagement activities and provides information, resources and advice to help others to do the same
- provides careers information and resources for students, graduates and physicists at all career stages.

## IOP membership

Membership of the Institute is for everyone with an interest in physics and its future. Our members are diverse and follow all kinds of different careers, from academic research to systems engineering, and from finance to nuclear decommissioning.

By joining, you'll be able to expand your knowledge, develop your networks and enhance your professional reputation.

### Members can\*:

- apply for professional registration as a Chartered Physicist and/or Chartered Engineer
- achieve professional recognition through designatory letters
- participate in a choice of 48 special-interest groups
- get involved in local events through our branches
- access more than 40 online transferable-skills courses to support your professional development
- access the business journals database, containing more than 23,000 publications, including 2700 quality magazines and journals
- receive preferential rates for Institute-organised meetings and conferences
- make connections through MemberTalk – an online professional network for physicists
- use our Physmail forwarding email service to create your own @physics.org email address.

\*Depending on your membership type, you will have access to some or all of the membership benefits listed above. Check our member benefits table at [iop.org/joinus](http://iop.org/joinus) for more information.



“As a member since my student days, I am proud to be part of an exciting, forward-looking and like-minded community of physicists. Join the IOP safe in the knowledge that you too will be extremely well supported and valued by an internationally recognised body that can not only make a difference to your career, but which constantly strives to promote and increase the

awareness of physics in our modern world.

**Professor Jim Al-Khalili OBE CPhys FInstP**

# Starting your journey: student membership

## 16–19

Free digital-only membership for all students aged 16 to 19 studying physics.

### Why?

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Receive regular emails with updates on upcoming events and competitions for physics students.

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Access careers advice, exam tips and guidance on choosing a physics degree course.

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Expand your physics knowledge by reading *Physics World*, the world's leading physics magazine, available on your smartphone, tablet or desktop.

## Undergraduate

Free digital-only membership for all students studying for a first degree in physics or a related subject anywhere in the world.

### Why?

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Engage with our University Student Network, which supports student physics and astronomy societies, encourages interaction between different societies, as well as actively promoting the emergence of new societies at universities that do not currently have one.

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Attend company showcase evenings and network with potential future employers, meaning you'll be able to get ahead in your career before you graduate.

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Members-only access to MyIOP, giving you free access to our careers resources, as well as access to MemberTalk, our networking hub for members.

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Access to the members-only IOP LinkedIn group. Your presence in the group will show on your LinkedIn profile, making you stand out from the crowd to future employers.

## Postgraduate

Studying after you graduate? Continue to enjoy the same benefits as Undergraduate Membership, alongside the added benefits of Associate Membership.

### Why?

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Access 50 free IOP journal downloads as part of your membership each year. In addition, access the latest *Physics Education* journal, including its archive.

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Stand out to future employers by using the title AMInstP after your name.

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Enhance your knowledge and widen your network by attending IOP conferences and meetings at a discounted rate.

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Enjoy each monthly issue of *Physics World* delivered to your door.

## Other student benefits

- Discover our careers publications written specifically for those with physics degrees
- Receive tips on how to get a placement and how to get the most out of it, as well as an index of companies providing placements
- Browse our guides to specific industry sectors, including space technology and medical physics
- Join our mentoring scheme, where you can choose your own mentor.

### You can also join in with:

- outreach activities, for which we provide training
- our LinkedIn, Facebook, Twitter and IOP blog pages
- local events through our branches
- around 48 special-interest groups covering a wide range of subjects.

# Moving up in your career

## Associate Member (AMInstP)

For early-career physicists (typically new graduates) wanting to maintain their professional membership, as well as aspiring to Member and Chartered status. This level will enable you to get ahead in your career once you graduate.

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## Member (MInstP)

Member is the main grade of professional membership, requiring a combination of education and professional experience in business, industry or academia.

### Why?

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As a Member, you can make an application for Chartered status, and, further down the line, fellowship of the IOP, enhancing your career and status among your peers.

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*Physics World*, the world's leading physics magazine. Available as a members' monthly free download from the App Store or Google Play, to read on your smartphone or tablet. Each monthly issue will also be delivered direct to your door.

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## Fellow (FInstP)

Fellow is the senior grade of membership for those in all sectors who have made a significant contribution to their profession in industry or academia, either directly through their work, or by supporting the development or promotion of physics. Fellowship applications, unlike our other membership grades, are peer-assessed, creating a mutually esteemed group of high-calibre members.

### Why?

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Use the designatory letters FInstP after your name.

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Network with other senior fellows of IOP.

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Entitlement to wear official academic dress.



“ The advantages of being a fellow are multiple. Fellowship is the highest membership of the IOP and it means recognition from peers. And one can benefit from the IOP’s global network.

**Feng Chen FInstP**



“ Our 4000 fellows around the world demonstrate they have made an outstanding contribution to the profession, as well as being worthy of carrying the title FInstP after their name. Many of our fellows were originally student members, who have stayed with us in the lifetime journey towards fellowship.

**Dr Mike Worboys CEng CPhys FInstP**

Vice-president, Membership Committee, Institute of Physics

# Chartership

In increasingly competitive times, gaining professional recognition for your work is vital. Employers and clients expect hard evidence of your experience and capability, as well as a professional attitude and commitment to ethical principles and continuous development. Becoming a Chartered Physicist and/or Chartered Engineer with the Institute of Physics shows that you've reached the highest standards in your chosen discipline.

## Professional designations are:

- peer-assessed
- internationally recognised
- appropriate for members working in all sectors.

## What does Chartered status mean to employers?

- Provides evidence of employers' commitment to society and high standards
- Indicates that the employee values and abides by the IOP code of conduct
- Facilitates both staff benchmarking and competencies
- Assists with promotion and salary benchmarking
- Supports the recruitment process
- Is valued by clients and external stakeholders.



## Which chartered status is right for me?

### Chartered Physicist (CPhys)

Suitable for those with masters-level qualifications in physics (there are ways to demonstrate equivalence), working at a responsible level in a relevant area.

Chartered Physicist is the Institute's own title – it cannot be obtained anywhere else. It is aimed at practising physicists who have a breadth of competence and can demonstrate that they are working at a responsible level, while recognising the diversity of roles that this might encompass. Holders are entitled to use the designatory letters CPhys after their name.

### Chartered Engineer (CEng)

Suitable for those with a physics or engineering degree and working at a responsible level in engineering. Candidates are interviewed.

Awarded under license from the Engineering Council, Chartered Engineer status is appropriate for those who have extensive experience of being employed in a distinct engineering capacity. Holders are entitled to use the designatory letters CEng after their name. The overwhelming majority of our applicants have physics rather than engineering degrees; this means that the Institute is uniquely experienced in supporting applicants with physics degrees through the process.



“ Attaining Chartered Engineer status has helped me progress my career, and it was reassuring to know that I could apply for CEng with a physics-based degree.

**Jeroen Veenstra CEng CPhys MInstP**

Team leader, reactor technology, EDF Energy



“ CEng status has been valuable for me in being able to mentor staff within our organisation, and therefore play a valuable part in their development.

**Dr Andre Clarke CEng CPhys FInstP**

Fleet Critical Programmes, EDF Energy Generation

# IOP groups at the heart of the physics community

All members of the Institute are encouraged to get involved with our network of specialist interest groups. Joining a group is the means for you as a member to be part of the physics community and to take part in activities in your particular areas of interest.

**The Institute has around 48 groups that cover a wide range of subjects including:**

- specialist areas of physics research and its application, such as the High Energy Particle Physics Group or Plasma Physics Group
- professional aspects of physicists working in industry, such as the Nuclear Industry Group
- wider issues that relate to physics and society like the Higher Education Group or Physics Communicators Group
- some groups are organised jointly with other societies with similar interests, for example the Polymer Physics Group works closely with the Royal Society of Chemistry.



## What do groups do?

Groups have individual programmes, reflecting the needs of their members. Their activities include:

- arranging conferences, seminars and workshops
- producing newsletters to keep their members in touch with the latest developments in their field
- promoting interaction between physicists working in industry and research, providing opportunities for networking and a forum for meeting and discussion
- providing information on relevant meetings organised by other bodies
- awarding prizes in their area.

All IOP groups are free to join and are open to all members.

To find out more, visit [groups.iop.org](http://groups.iop.org).

# Physics World, the world's leading physics magazine



“ One great benefit of joining the Institute of Physics is getting full access to *Physics World* – the world's leading physics magazine.

For more than 25 years, *Physics World* has offered unrivalled coverage of everything that's going on in physics around the globe, through award-winning news, features and opinion from the world's top physicists and science writers. From CERN to the cosmos and from medical physics to Mars, we've got it covered.

And thanks to the new *Physics World* apps, you can – as a member of the Institute – access the magazine through your tablet, smartphone or desktop. So whether you're sitting comfortably at home, cramming on your lunch break or travelling on business, you won't miss a thing.

In fact, we offer a fantastic deal for undergraduate students, which lets you get free student membership of the Institute for the duration of your studies, meaning you can enjoy *Physics World* each month for no cost at all.

By joining the Institute, you're helping to support high-quality science journalism, which means you can also enjoy *Physics World's* extensive multimedia content, including video interviews and documentaries with leading physicists and a monthly audio podcast service too.

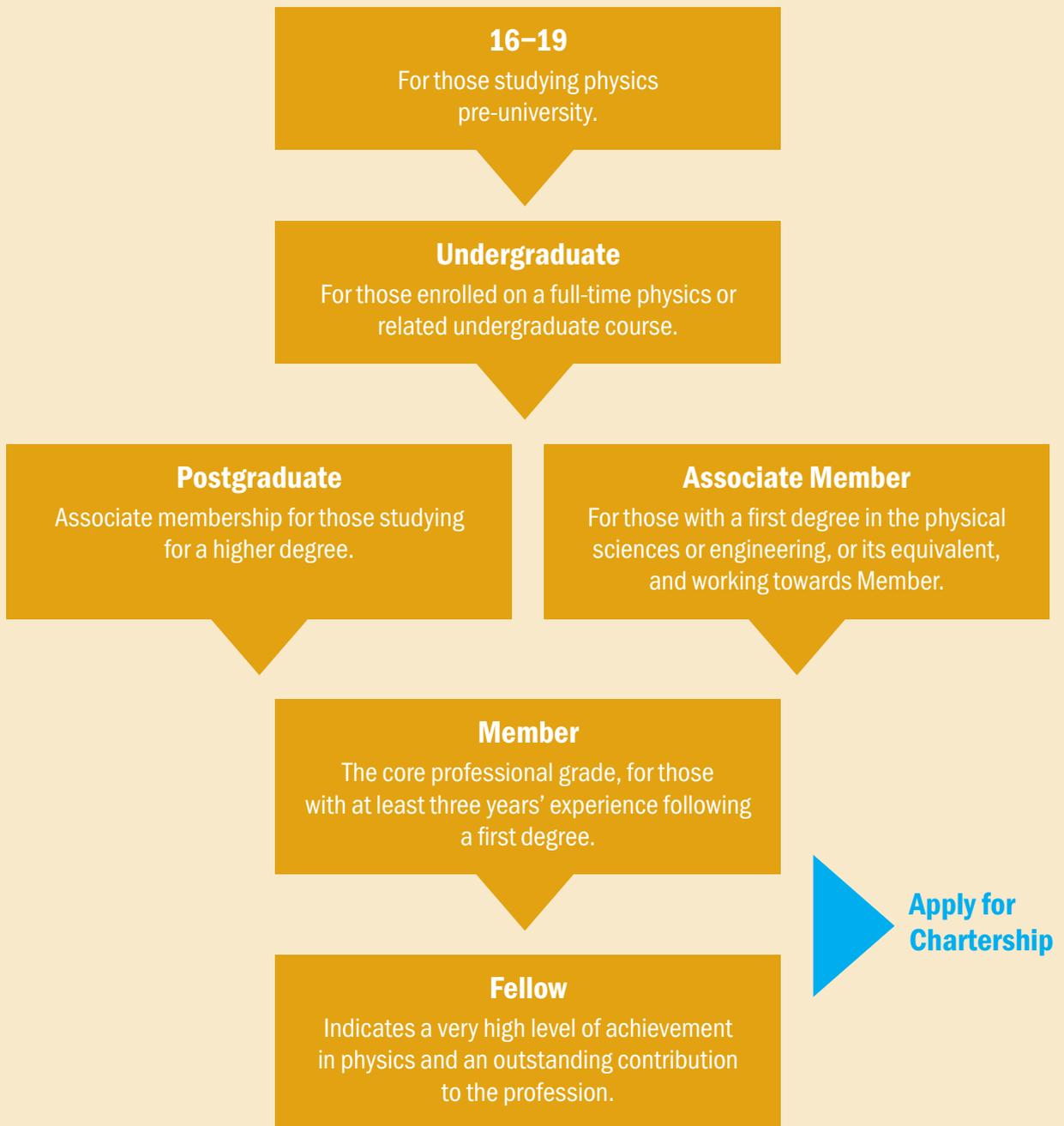
What's more, our monthly careers section offers you invaluable advice and case studies showcasing exactly where a physics degree can take you in your professional life.

So whether you're a student setting out on your career or a more experienced physicist with a long standing career in the profession, you won't want to miss out. That's what IOP is about – supporting you at every stage of your career to give you the best possible chance of succeeding.

**Dr Matin Durrani CPhys MInstP**

Editor, *Physics World*

# Your IOP member journey



To view our current membership rates, please visit [iop.org/memberrates](https://iop.org/memberrates).

## How to apply

All details and online application forms are available on our website at [iop.org/joinus](https://iop.org/joinus).

Alternatively, simply call or email us and we'll send you the application forms that you need.

## Other membership options

If you're interested in physics, but without a formal background in the subject, or if you would just like to try out membership of the IOP:

### Affiliate

For anyone with an interest in, but without a formal background in, physics who wants to support the Institute's objectives and access IOP member benefits.

### IOPimember

Digital-only membership for anyone interested in physics.

We look forward to welcoming you to your Institute.

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