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## NISS Affiliates Program

### Summary of Membership Benefits

The NISS Affiliates Program and NISS/SAMSI University Affiliates Program are a potent, successful cross-sector forum supporting research discussions, information dissemination, human resource development and networking among the more than sixty industrial, government and university members. The affiliates were honored in 2005 with the Statistical Partnerships among Academia, Industry and Government (SPAIG) award of the American Statistical Association.

The principal benefits of affiliate membership are:

**Networking and Relationships** More than fifty leading statistics organizations from academia, government and industry are affiliates, creating unique opportunities to discuss problems of mutual interest and build partnerships to address them.

**Access to NISS Research and Postdoctorals**, including Technology Days with early reports of research results, use of NISS-developed software and contact with outstanding early career researchers who are superb employee prospects.

**Affiliates Clusters** Formed in 2009, these are groups of individuals from affiliates with shared interests pursuing activities of value to them. Currently active clusters focus on comparative effectiveness research (CER) and surveys.

**Direct Input** to the scientific leadership of NISS and SAMSI, resulting in strong influence on NISS research and workshops as well as SAMSI programming.

**Workshops** NISS workshops respond to affiliate interests and needs. Recent and upcoming topics include agent-based simulation, availability of research data, computational advertising, financial risk, CER and microsimulation models for surveys. Some workshops are open only to affiliates. Fees for other workshops that range from \$300 to \$1,500 for non-affiliates are waived for affiliates.

**Visibility** The NISS web site has information about every affiliate, and highlights one affiliate on a rotating basis. Every issue of the quarterly *NISS Parameters* newsletter features one affiliate.

**Affiliate Reimbursement Accounts (ARAs)** Twenty-five percent of each year's membership fee is placed into an affiliate-controlled account that can be used to meet costs of attending NISS events, SAMSI events, or events co-sponsored by either institute. Funds are carried over to future years.

**Annual Meeting** Costs of attending the spring annual meeting of the affiliates, which is typically hosted by an affiliate, are covered by the program.

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