



Guidelines

Centre for the Advanced Study of Collective Behaviour (CASCB)

AFFILIATE or VOTING Membership

Options on membership status

According to the cluster bylaws ([link](#)), any person may become a member of the Cluster, as long as this person is a member of the University of Konstanz or the Max Planck Institute for Animal Behavior.

For both affiliate (non-voting) and voting member status, the scientific interest and connection to the cluster research goals are relevant. Applicants for voting membership must have demonstrated the ability to carry out independent research in the Cluster's field of research, and must provide a statement that they are committed to focusing a substantial part of their personal research work to the objectives of the Cluster.

We generally invite all eligible researchers from the postdoctoral stage onwards to apply to become an "Affiliate Member" of CASCB. As Affiliate Members, you have access to all relevant CASCB events and use of marketing materials including letterhead, logo, etc...and will be listed on the CASCB website. If necessary, the use of CASCB resources and infrastructure can be made available to Affiliate Members pending approval by the Executive Board. Duties include the mentioning and correct acknowledgment of the CASCB in all cluster-related project, activities and publications, as well as to consult and comply with the CASCB Research Data Management (RDM) on our policy and services concerning RDM and data protection. Likewise, we expect affiliated members of the cluster community to proactively secure and document agreements on data usage rights and other issues relevant to shared data, publications and collaborative research connected with the cluster, its research and community.

Voting Members have the same rights and duties as affiliate members, but in addition also possess the right to vote at the yearly General Assembly.

Further information can be inferred from the cluster bylaws ([link](#)).

Decision-making and membership proposal process

The proposal process for Affiliate Members consists of a 1-2 page proposal and 1-page CV. Proposals must be submitted via the Affiliate and Voting Membership TEMPLATE (download [here](#)).

Decisions on Membership proposals will be made by the Centre for the Advanced Study of Collective Behaviour via its Extended Executive Board. Proposals will be reviewed by the cluster speakers, and their recommendation will form the basis of the final decision made by the CASCB Board at the next scheduled meeting.