

Scientists' Coalition Membership and Roles

1. Membership categories and criteria

All members of the Scientists' Coalition

1. Are actively conducting and publishing research with relevance to plastic pollution.
2. Have signed the [Scientists' Declaration on the Need for Governance of Plastics Throughout their Lifecycles](#).
3. Are independent and declare all potential conflicts of interest. No member can be personally remunerated nor directly benefit financially from the plastics industry, or associated industries or organizations.

There are two categories of membership: Core members and observers.

Core members: Independent scientists affiliated with or working in academic or other independent research institutions, and actively conducting and publishing research on plastic pollution. PhD candidates with published or documented ongoing research may be admitted as core members.

Observer members: Independent, academically trained scientists affiliated with or working for a non-governmental organization working in the public interest. In some cases, undergraduate students with documented uptake in relevant programs may be admitted as observer members.

2. Roles

Core members can actively participate and lead Working Groups, production of Coalition outputs, and speak on behalf of the Coalition at INCs, public events and with media (as approved by the Steering Committee).

Observer members are invited to participate in 'all members' meetings and in review processes but cannot speak on behalf of the Coalition nor take part in producing Coalition outputs. Observer members may be invited to contribute to ad hoc or advisory groups initiated by the Steering Committee.