

Consortium Member Levels, Benefits and Fees

The mission of the Make Impact Consortium is to provide tangible resources that speed integration of technology, innovation, making and entrepreneurship within universities and the technology innovation ecosystems that surround them. We work with our members to define and practice better ways to Make Impact.

Makerspaces are spaces created to foster interactions between people, and have tools and technology to support creation and innovation activities. Typically, campuses need to have three types of spaces: machine shops, project spaces, and community spaces (makerspaces), as they are all used differently. It is important to have the right balance of these different types of spaces to meet the student demand on your campus and contribute to the creative entrepreneurial making culture. The Make Impact Consortium can help you determine what your balance should be, how to create safe and effective makerspaces, and how to assess the impact on the student experience.

MIT created **the Mobius tool** to solve the problem of students having trouble finding and gaining access to the machines and tools they needed. Every member of the Make Impact Consortium will have the ability for its community members to create login accounts on the Make Impact Mobius platform. Through this platform, members can view resources such as location of machines, documents and videos about how they work and what they can do. We are also integrating networking components, so that makers and entrepreneurs can find each other and build balanced teams. In addition, it makes it possible to form regional hubs in which universities share resources across campuses.

Another benefit of membership is access to **Maker Bootcamps** on the MIT campus. These are hands-on, intensive multi-day courses to gain real experience with planning, building and running makerspaces and entrepreneurship programs, as well as integrating the two together.

Since an ultimate goal is to develop students who can think, make and do, showcasing their work and introducing them to potential employers is another central activity of the consortium. At **Meet the Maker events**, students will have an opportunity to meet other like-minded makers and pursue opportunities for internships, jobs and startup partners.

We invite interested colleges and universities to discuss **consortium membership** with us. All memberships include the Standard Mobius platform and are for a minimum initial period of three years.

At this time, we are offering Founding memberships at the rate of \$60K for the first year and \$5K per year for the following five years. MIT is joining the consortium at this rate and committing to putting in this level of fees or higher. Regular members who join in the initial time period will pay \$15K per year, with a minimum of three years and a guarantee of renewal at that rate for three more years. Members who join after the initial time will pay \$25K per year.

For those who would like to upgrade to a **Custom Mobius platform**, Founding members will pay a one-time fee of \$30K and Regular members will pay a one-time fee of \$65K. Additional advanced features may be added according to a fee schedule TBD. Please note that membership fees have been set at a level to cover operating costs and do not generate any profit.

Members will be asked to contribute to the common good of the consortium by participating in at least two activities per year. Examples include sharing a training or other type of video, setting and reaching a goal for number of students signing up for Mobius, and many other activities that members are likely to be doing anyway.