



UKSPA Multi Site Membership

Context

The UKSPA Board recognises the shape of management and ownership of science parks is changing, and the pace of change is likely to continue for the foreseeable future. Economic pressures will increasingly seek to increase efficiency of science park management, and it is likely that more UKSPA Members will be exposed to merger, acquisition and consolidation.

It is clearly in the interests of the Association to actively encourage those organisations that own or operate a number of locations to all be members of the Association, and to benefit from the services Membership brings.

The Board recognises it is timely to create a policy for such groups of parks. This policy seeks to reduce the overall unit cost to this type of organisation, whilst allowing equal and unfettered access to all of the services of UKSPA Membership.

Financial considerations

A sliding scale of annual subscription will apply to eligible organisations as follows:

Member 1	100% Annual subscription fee
Member 2	75% Annual subscription fee
Member 3	50% Annual subscription fee
Members 4-8	25% Annual subscription fee
Members 9+	Free.

Membership services and benefits

Each Location admitted into the Membership will receive all benefits of the Association excluding attendance at UKSPA Member Meetings. In this case, 4 free places are available to multisite operations at each event. Thereafter the non-membership fee will be applied.

Definition of common management / ownership

Each application for multi-site membership will be judged on its' own merits. The principle being that an organisation that owns, manages, or operates a number of science parks / innovation centres should be eligible for the subscription structure detailed above.

For the sake of clarity, this does not apply to commonly branded groups of parks, groups of parks in a specific location but separately managed, nor groups of parks whose subscriptions happen to be funded from the same public source.