



FOBISIA Affiliate Membership FAQs

1. Why should our organisation or company join FOBISIA?

FOBISIA is the premier Federation of British international schools in Asia. We are a diverse and inclusive community offering peer-to-peer support and extensive networking and collaboration opportunities to our members. FOBISIA's core business is focused on continuing professional development, student enrichment, quality assurance, safeguarding, and representation among our counterparts and in the UK Government.

2. What are the benefits of becoming a FOBISIA Affiliate Member?

FOBISIA Membership offers the following benefits to its Affiliate Members:

- Opportunity to post on the FOBISIA website Affiliate Member News Feed any time
- Opportunity to send three eShots to Member Schools via Mailchimp, which can also be shared on social media
- Opportunity to submit a webinar proposal (targeting Member Schools) for selection as part of the termly Webinar Series
- A listing in the termly membership eMagazine, THE FOBISIAN, the FOBISIA Membership Handbook & Directory and on the FOBISIA website
- Use of the FOBISIA logo for marketing purposes
- Discounted rates to exhibit at the Annual FOBISIA Leadership Conference, space permitting
- Opportunities to connect with FOBISIA HQ and Member Schools at social networking events
- Sponsorship opportunities as they arise for FOBISIA events
- A FOBISIA Affiliate Membership eCertificate

3. What are the strengths of the Federation?

Although FOBISIA has grown and developed as a Federation over a 30-year period, it remains an inclusive and welcoming community that is much respected across Asia, and beyond. Our strengths are a commitment to providing value for our members and being a community that “cares and shares” where the access schools and supporting organisations have to a vast network promotes collaboration and cooperation.

4. How many members does FOBISIA have and where are they located?

FOBISIA's membership takes in 80+ Member Schools across 17 countries and regions within Asia, including Brunei Darussalam, China and its territories - Hong Kong and Taiwan, Indonesia, India, Japan, Kazakhstan, Laos, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Philippines, Singapore, South Korea, Sri Lanka, Thailand, and Vietnam.

FOBISIA currently has 80+ Affiliate Members located across the globe, but mainly in the UK. FOBISIA is currently developing its Individual Membership category.

5. What are the expectations on becoming an Affiliate Member?

Upon becoming a member of FOBISIA, Affiliate Members are expected to maintain their professional quality standards and adhere to the FOBISIA Code of Conduct. FOBISIA closely monitors compliance to ensure that members are able to remain in the Federation and continue to play an active role in achieving its mission.

It is not only what FOBISIA can bring to its members, but it is also as much about what its members can bring to FOBISIA. The Federation promotes and encourages a culture of sharing.

6. What is the process for applying to join FOBISIA?

Interested companies or organisations are required to submit an application, along with references and a signed Code of Conduct. If FOBISIA's Membership Committee considers that the company or organisation is of interest and brings value to Member Schools, the application will be approved. They will then be notified that they have been admitted to the Federation, effective immediately, and will be informed of their membership benefits.

7. Are organisations or companies required to already be working with FOBISIA Member Schools to become a member of the Federation?

Organisations interested in FOBISIA Affiliate Membership do not need to have worked with FOBISIA Member Schools to become a member of the Federation, although it is helpful if they have a good track record. Experience working with schools in the UK or elsewhere, or other international schools in Asia, demonstrates a potential for interest among our Member Schools.

8. What does it cost to become an Affiliate Member of FOBISIA?

Affiliate Membership Fees are reviewed annually by the Federation. FOBISIA's current fee for Affiliate Membership is SGD 600.

Affiliate Memberships run from 1st September to 31st August (considered a school year).

A renewal of membership notice will be sent to each affiliate member in May of each year and the annual membership fee must be paid in advance of the school year.

9. What types of membership does FOBISIA have?

There are four categories of FOBISIA Membership. Affiliate Membership is also offered to education organisations of interest to Member Schools. As well as Full and Associate Membership for Member Schools depending on whether they are accredited, the Federation offers Individual Membership to former Heads of Member Schools in order to retain the invaluable institutional knowledge that exists among our dynamic network of school leaders in and beyond the region.

10. What types of organisations or companies can join as Affiliate Members?

FOBISIA welcomes organisations of interest to its Member Schools, including assessment and curriculum services, educational consultancies, recruitment agencies, quality assurance and accreditation agencies, educational suppliers, financial services, educational IT products and services, media, professional development and safeguarding, teaching and learning resources, educational psychology services, and risk management.

11. Can Affiliate Members participate in or sponsor FOBISIA events?

Affiliate Members receive an early-bird invitation to attend and/or sponsor FOBISIA's Annual Leadership Conference, before it is opened up to non-members. Affiliate Members may also be invited to support or sponsor FOBISIA events whether they be student enrichment or CPD events for staff hosted by Member Schools. There is also the opportunity to get involved in the delivery of online events such as the FOBISIA series of webinars. Participation of Affiliate Members is considered on a case by case basis.

12. How can Affiliate Members network with Schools and Heads?

FOBISIA considers all Affiliate Members "equal" and does not offer preferred provider status. FOBISIA aims to support Affiliate Members to connect with Member Schools via the benefits offered through membership, listed above, whether it be through face-to-face or virtual events or promotion of CPD and other opportunities that may be of interest to our Member Schools.