

SPARTAN MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

Any individual with a strong research interest in SpA is encouraged to apply regardless of scientific degree or level of training.

	Full member	Associate member	Trainee member
Requirement to apply	3 pubs in SpA/ independent research	Interest in SpA research	Interest in SpA research
Need to reapply?	Only if not actively involved in the organization*, SpA research [§] , and no meeting attended in last 2 years [#]	Yes, after 3 years, will need to demonstrate transition to full member or be reevaluated to remain associate (case-by-case)	Cannot remain trainee member after completion of final training stage. Will need to apply for associate or full membership.
Meeting attendance requirement	2 in 5 years	2 in 5 years	2 in 5 years
Voting	Yes	No	No
Committee service	Yes	Yes, if nominated by full member	No

*Involvement in the organization includes serving on a committee or involvement in SPARTAN registry with active enrollment of patients.

[§]Research is defined as publications in the field with at least 1 in 3 years to maintain full membership or active grants in SpA

[#] Meeting attendance alone is not sufficient to maintain full membership

Full members: to apply for full membership, the applicant should have a track record in the field, defined as a minimum of 3 publications in Spondyloarthritis. For those currently established full members, if involvement in SPARTAN is demonstrated with committee work and/or ongoing research activities, no reapplication will be necessary to remain an active member. For those full members that have not been active or have not attended the annual meeting in the last several years, membership will need to be renewed.

Associate members: to apply for associate membership, applicants should demonstrate an interest in the field of Spondyloarthritis. They do not need to have published or have an independent research program. As an organization, we are committed to nurturing young investigators and will facilitate pairing researchers who do not have a SpA mentor at their own organization with a senior mentor elsewhere.

Trainee members: Any trainee at any level is encouraged to apply if they are interested in the field. This includes medical students, graduate students, residents, clinical fellows, and post-doctoral (MD and/or PhD) fellows.