



APF
Association of Professional Futurists

About + Joining

The Association of Professional Futurists (APF) is a global community of professional futurists committed to leadership and excellence in the futures field. Our members provide unique perspectives to help people anticipate and influence the future.

The APF aims to set the standard of excellence for foresight professionals. Members include futurists from businesses, governments and non-profits, consulting futurists, educators, and students in futures studies.

We meet regularly, host active electronic discussions among practitioners, provide professional development programs, recognize excellence in futures works, and offer a rich body of ideas and information about the future for the public.

Students enrolled in an accredited course or program in futures studies or in a related discipline are encouraged to join the APF. You will pay a reduced membership fee for the duration of your studies. More at <http://www.profuturists.org/join>.



Blog: <http://profuturists.posterous.com/>



Image: Ken Harris and Heather Schlegal participate in an APF design futures workshop, Pro Dev day.

Student Competition

The APF Student Recognition program encourages university programs offering undergraduate, Masters and/or PhD programs or degrees in Foresight and Futures Studies to submit exceptional futures work.

First-place student submissions will receive a 2 year Full Membership in APF or the registration fee for one APF meeting along with a \$500 travel expense contribution.

Submissions must be received by December 31, 2012.

More at <http://www.profuturists.org/rules>.

Membership Value...



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In [the APF], a student can sit amongst, collaborate with, and have the regard and acknowledgement and appreciation of longer-service members of the profession.

-John Mahaffie
Principal, Leading Futurists

APF student members can dare to challenge, question, and ask for further exploration and understanding of futures concepts in a community of veterans.

-Chris Manfredi
Student, University of Houston

Student membership can enrich foresight students and graduates' knowledge and experience. [Students] learn how to participate actively in foresight gatherings or discussions. They learn how to lead a thread of discussion and learn new lessons by participating in these discussions. The APF wants to find and nurture future futurists who will direct this professional body to new horizons. We need the next generation of futurists.

-Alireza Hejazi, MSF
Founding editor, "FuturesDiscovery.com"

APF members support each other by providing valuable insights, research contacts, and even technical support, when needed. I enjoy our verbal and written exchanges and always learn from others.

-Joyce L. Gioia
Author, The Herman Trend Alert

The APF allows students to converse with futurists who speak their language. As the futures field develops, APF membership ensures that students are locked into a professional network that both supports and challenges foresight practitioners worldwide.

-Emily Empel
Futurist, The Walt Disney Company

Student members are the future of APF. The new blood. The new ideas. They are the people who question the way we are doing things and suggest better ways.

-Verne Wheelwright
Author, It's YOUR Future... Make it a Good One!



from the mouths of APF members.

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