Fields Institute activities are open to the mathematical sciences community, and proposals for activities at the Institute are solicited internationally. The agreement between an Affiliate University and the Institute, however, establishes a closer relationship of great mutual benefit.

Affiliate Universities maintain their membership through payment of an annual membership fee, set at $5,000 for 2014-15. The amount of this fee is subject to annual review by the Fields Institute’s Board of Directors.

Following are some of the numerous benefits of this partnership to the Affiliate University.

1. Scientific Activity

1.1 Thematic and Focus Programs

Faculty members from the Affiliate University are encouraged to participate in the organizing committees of Thematic and Focus Programs (organizing committees often involve collaboration of several partner universities). These programs form the core scientific activity of the Institute. Once approved by the Fields Scientific Advisory Panel, they receive funds currently ranging from $75,000 for a one-month Focus Program to $350,000 for a six-month Thematic Program.

1.2. General Scientific Activity

Each year, the Institute supports over 50 workshops and conferences of variable length, including summer schools for graduate and undergraduate students. These take place either at the Institute or at partner universities and cover an astonishing range of areas in the mathematical sciences. Faculty members from the Affiliate University are encouraged to submit proposals for these activities, which, once approved, receive funding and full logistic support, including planning, invitations, registration, and promotion.

1.3. Member Services

Faculty members from the Affiliate University participating in Institute programs are entitled to the services the Institute provides to core program participants, including office space, IT services and library privileges. In addition, they can apply for sabbatical stays at the Institute, which, subject to space availability, offers these services.
1.4. Institute Publications

The Affiliate University receives, free of charge, one copy of each volume of the Fields Institute Communications and Monographs Series, published during the period of partnership. The Affiliate University also receives copies of the Institute newsletter, Fields Notes, and of its Annual Report.

2. Training, Educational, and Recruitment Opportunities

2.1 Student Support

Undergraduate and graduate students from the Affiliate University are encouraged to apply for support to participate in Institute activities including Thematic and Focus Programs, summer schools, problem solving workshops and the Fields Undergraduate Summer Research Program.

2.2 Recruitment

The Affiliate University benefits from the opportunity to recruit at all levels from the pool of highly qualified participants in Institute activities: undergraduate and graduate students going into graduate or postdoctoral programs, postdoctoral fellows and junior scientists seeking faculty positions, as well as senior scientists attracted by the Institute and its partners.

3. Recognition and Involvement in Institute Governance and Research Administration

3.1 Recognition

The Affiliate University is recognized in the Newsletter, the Annual Report and public releases, as well as on the Institute website.

3.2 Representation on the Fields Institute Corporation

The Affiliate University is entitled to appoint one voting Member of the Corporation of the Fields Institute.

3.3 Partner University Meeting and AGM Banquet

Each year the Institute organizes a meeting with representatives from its partner Universities to discuss policies and directions. The University representatives on the Fields Institute’s Corporation, as well as some other University representatives, are also invited to the dinner banquet following the Institute’s Annual General Meeting.