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 CAD (for institutions in Canada), or $5,000 USD (outside Canada). The amount of this fee is subject to annual review by the Fields Institute Board of Directors.

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

1. Scientific Activities

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 Activities

Each year, the Institute supports over 100 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 logistical support, including planning, 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 shared office space, IT services and library privileges. In addition, they can apply for sabbatical stays at the Institute, subject to space availability.

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. Support for students, early career researchers and women

Undergraduate and graduate students, early career researchers and women faculty 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.

Each Affiliate University will be entitled up to five individual awards each year, for up to $1,000 CAD per award, to be used to support eligible participants in a workshop or program at Fields.

University Partners will have access to partial support to fund undergraduate or graduate student participation in the Fields Graduate School Information Day activity each fall and in 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 emerging scientists seeking faculty positions, as well as established 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, 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. This is the governing body of the Fields Institute. Among other responsibilities, Members of the Corporation elect directors to the Board of Directors.

3.3. Partner Universities Meeting and Annual General Meeting 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 Corporation, as well as some other university representatives, are also invited to the banquet that follows the Institute’s Annual General Meeting.