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The Triple Helix Association

The Triple Helix Association is a non-for-profit, non- governmental association with scientific and global reach purpose. Its main scope is to advance scientific knowledge and practical achievements related to all aspects of the interaction between academy-industry-government (Triple Helix) for fostering research, innovation, economic competitiveness and growth.

Who is our community?

Our community is made by scholars and practitioners that are somehow involved in the interaction of university-industry-government all around the world, interested on promoting and disseminating scientific findings and best practices generated in their fields.

The Triple Helix Chapters

The Triple Helix Association Chapter is a National Hub promoted and hosted by an existing organization such as universities or affiliated units, research institutions, business schools, public and private organizations, that aim to promote the research on the interaction between university-industry-government, seeking for the generation of knowledge and innovation.

The Reason Why of the Chapters

To enhance the organization's impact across regions and nations, the Triple Helix Association promotes the formation of chapters. These national hubs serve as vital platforms for advancing research on university-industry-government interactions. By facilitating knowledge exchange and fostering innovation, Chapters play a crucial role in driving collaborative efforts for societal and economic progress.

Chapter's Value Proposition

The Triple Helix Association offers to give support and promotion so that chapters can become driver agents of territorial, economic, and social development through the research and generation of innovation on the interactions between Universities, Companies and Governments. Creating a community to disseminate and exchange ideas to develop their advances on all aspects of Triple Helix interactions. We offer a bonded community that works and researches on the Triple Helix interactions to unify and discuss the findings, to be leaders of the world in the topic, seeking to contribute to society with valuable information on the topic. The Triple Helix Association offers its members the support to publish the findings on an internationally recognized journal, such as Special Issues in the Triple Helix Journal, which represents a great opportunity to get recognized by a highly specialized scientific community.

Who are the Chapter beneficiaries?

By the creation of the chapter in a country, all the actors of our community benefit, such as the public and private institutions, researchers, and practitioners. As the chapter is also

orientated to create a researcher and practitioners' community, all its members benefit by giving them the opportunity to stay in direct connection and interaction. Society will also benefit as research and the translation agents of knowledge into practical achievements in the community will be promoted. The chapter is a way of making a country leader on Triple Helix interactions for the prosperity of the economy and society.

Institutional Benefits of creating a Chapter

- **Recognition:** Chapters will be certified by the Triple Helix Association as part of our research and practitioners and have the right to attend and speak at the General Assembly, and the right to vote as well as eligibility for the Triple Helix Association Board.
- **Visibility** Organizations can boost their visibility with Triple Helix Association by showcasing their brand on the Triple Helix Association website, promoting their initiatives, and displaying banners at Triple Helix Association conferences. Additionally, featuring the Triple Helix Association logo on their own websites reinforces their affiliation with the association. Chapters will have the possibility to deliver a brief presentation to highlight their initiatives during webinars promoted by the Triple Helix Association.
- **Networking:** Networking offers a range of benefits including access to the latest information on innovation events, and the opportunity to promote the initiatives of the Chapter to the full directory of Triple Helix Association members.
- **Access to leading research findings:** Chapters and their members will have full access to Triple Helix Association scientific publications Triple Helix Journal and Resources (Guidelines, tools, etc).
- **Contribution to international scientific publications:** Chapters will have an active participation on the elaboration of papers in the Triple Helix Association research domains for publication in books or scientific journals. Also, Chapters will have the opportunity to contribute to the Triple Helix Association Newsletter with the understanding that Triple Helix Association reserves the right to discretion over the content.

- **Specialized events:** Chapters can be holders of local and international events that have the participation of Scientifics and researchers from all over the world, such as the conference, forums, innovation summits, and webinars.
- **TH annual Conference and other events:** Chapters have the right to be part of a round table and to have a poster promotion on the Triple Helix Association Annual Conference, an event that brings together hundreds of academics, policy makers and practitioners.
- **Sponsorship:** Chapters are entitled to sponsor Triple Helix Association events, awards and to have displayed their logos on the communication.
- **Special Interest Groups:** Chapters may establish new Special Interest Groups (SIGs) upon receiving approval from the Triple Helix Association.

The corresponding Chapter rights, obligations, conditions, and approval procedures are described in the companion document, Triple Helix Association - Chapters Structure and Regulations - V2026.

Requirements to host a Triple Helix Association Chapter

- Maintain an active Platinum Membership throughout the entire period for which Chapter status has been granted. [Platinum Membership](#)
- Maintain at least 10 active Triple Helix Association members from 2 different organizations.

Organizations from low-income and lower-middle-income countries, according to the [World Bank country income classification](#), can submit application to host a chapter, starting from the Silver Membership level, subject to prior approval by the Triple Helix Association Board. This provision aims to support broader international participation in the Triple Helix Association network while preserving the institutional framework and responsibilities applicable to each membership class.

The applicable organisational membership is valid for 12 months from the payment date and must remain active throughout the Chapter mandate. Renewal is due on the membership anniversary date. Membership fees are not calculated on a pro rata basis.

How to become a host of a Chapter

1. The creation of a Triple Helix Association chapter starts with the application, which is open to scientists, researchers, universities, governments, and industries that with a hosting institution are interested in Triple Helix interaction research.
2. Only organizations with platinum memberships can apply to host a chapter. You can check the types of memberships, benefits and join us on the following link: <https://www.helixsociety.org/organisational-membership>
3. To set up a Chapter a written application should be submitted by e-mail to this email: info@triplehelixassociation.org, specifying the following details:
 - a) Address and contact details of the applicant of the person who is going to hold the legal representation of the applying organization. In case that several institutions inside a country are interested on being part of the chapter, representatives of the institutions must conform a National Steering Committee formed by representatives of each of the institutions and vote for a leader according to the regulation of the chapter.
 - b) Specification of functions on the proposed structure of the chapter (leader, secretary, officers, number of members, both individuals and institutions). A minimum number of 10-chapter members (both individual or organizational), from at least 2 different organizations, is needed at inception.
 - c) Chapter mission, which needs to be aligned to the Triple Helix Association central mission and a way of contribution to the national hub progress in terms of research and innovation.
 - d) SWOT Analysis to determine the real benefits and viability of the creation of the chapter in that given country.
 - e) Overview of planned activities for an initial 2-year period, including the strategy to attract at least the minimum of 20% new members per year, showing the benefits to the local/regional/national community, to the Triple Helix Association, and a tentative calendar of events.

- f) Mapping of all the organizations, scholars and practitioners related to the Triple Helix, to identify the possible candidates who would be interested in joining and contributing to the development of the Chapter and the Triple Helix Association.
 - g) The budget required to implement these activities and possible sources of funding.
- 4. The Triple Helix Association Board will act as a jury to evaluate the candidacy, assess the application, and reply within 60 days providing recommendations and guidelines for operationalizing Chapter activities. Revised versions of the application will be submitted to the committee until all the observations have been satisfied.
- 5. The Board will notify the applicant on the evaluation outcome. The Board will announce the new Triple Helix Association Chapter through all the official communication channels.
- 6. If the new chapter has a pre-existing membership base, it will ensure that such existing membership is duly informed about the Triple Helix Association membership opportunity and given all the information needed to voluntarily subscribe to the Association.

Chapter goals

Chapters get to play a huge roll as it's an effective tool for the expansion of the association, and for instance the expansion of scientific knowledge all over the world. Chapters have the following goals:

- Increase visibility and recognition for Triple Helix Association, as the pioneer of Triple Helix debate.
- Stimulate Triple Helix knowledge production.
- Enhance Triple Helix knowledge exchange and dissemination.
- Widen Triple Helix Association participation and membership base.
- Propose and organize their own activities, in line with the Triple Helix Association mission and principles.

Activities promoted by a Chapter

- Stimulate the interaction between the Triple Helix agents and other innovation actors, to foster research, innovation, economic competitiveness, and growth.
- Conduct and disseminate studies, reports, analyses, and scientific findings related to all aspects of Triple Helix interactions.
- Organize Triple Helix forums, and other meetings of relevant scientific interest.
- Promote international exchanges of scholars.
- Assist in the education of students, scholars, and practitioners.
- Prepare and perform joint projects involving Triple Helix actors, funded by regional, national, or international sponsor agencies.
- Ensure a wide communication and visibility of their activities to the local, national, and international community through various channels, including own websites, newsletters, brochures, etc.
- All the activities should be included on the annual plan approved by Triple Helix Association Board. In the case of new activities, the chapter would inform for approval by the Board.

Relations between Triple Helix Association and Chapters

- Triple Helix Association chapters are seen as national representations of their parent organization, the Triple Helix Association.
- Triple Helix Association chapters that host Triple Helix Association annual conferences will collaborate with the Triple Helix Association in the organization of these events.
- The Triple Helix Association headquarters will be the focal points for communication with the Triple Helix Association chapters.
- The leaders of the Triple Helix Association chapters and the Triple Helix Association will ensure collaboration between these organizations, for mutual benefits.
- Triple Helix Association chapters propose and organize their own activities, in line with the Triple Helix Association mission and principles. Annually they should organize at least a national event to promote networking between its members.

Chapter's structure and regulations

The rights, obligations, governance provisions, financial arrangements, and operational requirements applicable to Chapters are set out in the companion document, Triple Helix Association - Chapters Structure and Regulations - V2026. The two documents should be read together.