

Frequently Asked Questions:

What students qualify to become Material Advantage members?

A student in good standing at a post-secondary, degree-granting school who is pursuing an undergraduate, graduate, or doctoral degree in materials science, engineering or any related field (metallurgy, composites, coatings, polymers, biomaterials, ceramics and glass, foundry, etc.) may become a member of Material Advantage.

Do students recruited prior to 1 February 2026 count toward prizes in this membership drive?

No, only students who are recruited (and join Material Advantage) from 1 February through 28 February 2026 will be counted.

Do students who were members in 2025 count if I recruit them to renew their membership?

No – current members do not count as “recruited” if they renew their membership.

May I recruit former Material Advantage members (those who were not a member in 2024, but had belonged prior)?

Yes, if the student was not a member in 2025 they are eligible to be counted as someone that you recruit if they join in February 2026.

How will the prize money be paid out if I win?

Prizes will be awarded as a PayPal account transfer (you must have/open a PayPal account to receive the funds), or mailed US check.

If you have any questions that are not addressed above, contact AIST's Courtney Young (cyoung@aist.org).