

Industry Affiliates Program  
**Platinum Level Membership Agreement**

The University of Texas at Austin  
Advanced Sciences and Technology Research In Astronautics (ASTRIA) Group  
Aerospace Engineering and Engineering Mechanics Department

**PROGRAM OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION:**

1. The purpose of this Industrial Affiliates Program is to provide for cooperation and mutual assistance between the The University of Texas at Austin's Advanced Sciences and Technology Research In Astronautics (ASTRIA) group and member Industrial Affiliate Companies.
2. As with all University Industrial Affiliates Programs, intellectual property rights cannot be granted and no specific reporting requirements may be imposed. However, through the Industrial Affiliates Program, ASTRIA will offer the following services to ASTRIA industry affiliates:
  - a. The \$100,000 Platinum Level membership provides all the benefits of the Gold Level Membership, with the added bonus of more directly supporting student research and programs. With this membership level, your annual fee helps support graduate student research in a research direction of your choice.
  - b. Participation on the ASTRIA advisory board, the industry board that helps guide and formulate strategic research and educational initiatives and activities within ASTRIA. Each Platinum Level affiliate company has two (2) seats on the ASTRIA board.
  - c. Personal assistance by ASTRIA faculty and staff to identify and recruit highly-qualified students for co-ops, internships and permanent positions that fulfill affiliate needs.
  - d. An annual ASTRIA board meeting in Austin that presents ASTRIA's research findings and provides an open forum for technical exchange. Each Platinum Level company may have two (2) attendees at the board meeting.
  - e. An annual Open House (typically in late January or early February) in which ASTRIA's latest research results are presented in a poster session format, and facilities are provided for interviewing ASTRIA students. Up to ten (10) representatives from each affiliate can attend free of charge.
  - f. Receipt of biannual, electronic reports of faculty and student research and publications. One (1) printed copy of these reports may be requested.

- g. Affiliate-exclusive content will be made available through a password-protected portal on the ASTRIA website. Content may include access to additional research publications, past board meeting information and additional materials as available.
  - h. A quarterly electronic newsletter to keep industrial affiliates up-to-date on the latest research and happenings within the ASTRIA.
  - i. ASTRIA equipment resources in support of research conducted under the Program include cloud/high-performance computing, telescopes, software, and data fusion/exploitation capabilities.
  - j. Assistance in recruiting promising students of The University of Texas Aerospace Engineering and Engineering Mechanics (ASE/EM) department through classroom interaction and student society activities.
  - k. Subject to University policies and procedures, visiting lecturers from industrial affiliate companies may conduct in-class lecture series, participate on student theses committees, and join in research with ASTRIA faculty and students.
  - l. Early access to ASTRIA research and derived products (e.g. algorithms and software).
  - m. Easy access to consulting through ASTRIA contacts.
  - n. Visiting engineers from industry. Visitors from industrial affiliated companies are welcome to visit on campus working with ASTRIA faculty, staff, and students for five days out of each year to learn the most advanced technologies, instrumentation, analysis techniques and design techniques. The facilities of the Advanced Sciences and Technology Research In Astronautics group may be accessed by visitors during their visit on campus. Visits to ASTRIA by industrial affiliated company employees are welcome on a noninterference basis. Visits of more than one day and participation in the Group's activities must be arranged in advance, and are subject to standard University Visiting Scientist/Engineer agreements concerning confidentiality, intellectual property and protection of the University in the event of damage or injury.
  - o. An annual visit at mutually agreeable dates to each industrial affiliate sponsor company from ASTRIA faculty and /or ASTRIA engineering staff to present the latest research results from the ASTRIA labs.
3. The Industrial Affiliate agrees to join the Program and pay membership costs listed above on an established yearly basis. Payments shall be made annually to the Advanced Sciences and Technology Research In Astronautics (ASTRIA) group, and mailed to the Director of the Advanced Sciences and Technology Research In Astronautics group, The University of Texas at Austin, Aerospace Engineering and Engineering Mechanics, 210 E 24<sup>th</sup> St., WRW 412C, Mail Code: C0600, Austin, TX 78712.

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Agreement No. UTA\_\_-\_\_

*Between*

**The University of Texas at Austin**

**and**

“Affiliate Name”

“Affiliate Name”, hereinafter referred to as “Industrial Affiliate,” and The University of Texas at Austin, hereinafter referred to as “University,” hereby agree as follows:

1. The Industrial Affiliate will provide \$ (100,000.00 U.S. Dollars) for support of basic and applied fundamental research related to (ASTRIA). Said research will be carried out through the Industrial Affiliates Program (IAP) Agreement which shall be valid for the Term of (Month Day, Year) through (Month Day, Year). The research will be directed by (Moriba Jah) of The University of Texas at Austin who will in his/her capacity on the project act as Program Director and not as consultant to the Industrial Affiliate.
2. The Industrial Affiliate will provide the \$ (100,000.00 U.S. Dollars) payment for the “Term” within thirty (30) days of the execution of this Agreement.
3. The University will maintain funds provided by the Industrial Affiliate under this Agreement in a separate account established for said Industrial Affiliates Program and will expend funds as necessary for wages, supplies, seminars, annual review expenses, capital expenses, and other operating expenses in connection with the research.
4. As with all University Industrial Affiliates Programs, intellectual property rights cannot be granted, and no specific reporting requirements may be imposed by the Industrial Affiliate. However, the University intends to host an annual workshop and provide a biannual report of research and publications resulting from the program and research related to the “Term”. It is understood and agreed by the parties that any and all disclosures and materials made and provided to Industrial Affiliate by the University under this Agreement will be on a non-confidential basis and can be utilized by the Industrial Affiliate and its Affiliates without further accounting to the University.
5. The University represents that it is in compliance with and will abide by provisions of the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986.
6. Said Industrial Affiliates Program will be conducted within the United States of America.

