



## Definition of a SWE International Affiliate Group

A SWE International Affiliate is a group of women engineers (members and non-members) that reside outside the United States and wish to function as a recognized SWE entity in order to expand the mission of the organization. SWE International Affiliate status allows the group to utilize the name of the Society for group functions and permits the SWE members to apply for, or compete for, individual awards and program development grants (PDG) given out annually by the Society. A SWE International Affiliate group may be formed by university students on their campus or professionals within a geographic area (city, region, or province). The International Affiliate group must renew their participation with SWE annually.

## Benefits of being an International Affiliate Group

- Allows a body of women engineers to operate as a group in the name of the Society of Women Engineers (SWE).
- Promotes interaction and mentoring opportunities with other SWE members and the SWE community on the local, regional, national, and international levels.
- Provides a support system to increase the understanding of engineering and to enhance professionalism among its members in alignment with the Society's mission and objectives.

## Requirements for an International Affiliate Group Application

- **Minimum of one (1) "SWE member" or (1) "University Friend of SWE".** Individuals can apply for membership (or friend of SWE status) separately at [www.swe.org/join](http://www.swe.org/join) or the International Affiliate group can send a spreadsheet with names and payment to SWE headquarters for bulk enrollment. We highly recommend the SWE International Affiliate name up to 3 other individuals on the application that agree to support, guide and lead the group.
- **Letter of Support from the Advocate/Sponsor.** The Advocate/Sponsor can be an association, nonprofit entity, government institution, or corporate partner that is willing to mentor, guide, and administer support to the International Affiliate group. The Advocate/Sponsor should be located in the city, country or region of the International Affiliate. When necessary, the Advocate/Sponsor may be tasked with handling the financials for the group. In the case of a university group, the Advocate/Sponsor may be a SWE professional member. Or if the university group is an official, recognized club on the campus of a university with established administrative protocols, the university may act as the Advocate/Sponsor.
- **(University Affiliate only) Letter of Recommendation from the Faculty Advisor.** The Faculty Advisor role is a requirement for the formation of an International Affiliate group on campus and is a person from the college/university who will be committed to supporting the group. This person does not need to be a SWE member, but it is highly recommended.

### For the application, you must also provide:

- Main point of contact for the International Affiliate group
- Signed copy of the Agreement of Appropriate Use
- (University only) Contact information for the Dean of the College/University, permanent school mailing address and email address, and engineering school statistics