


## **Classes of NIRSC Membership**

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Objective:

Define membership categories for membership  
campaign

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**Five membership categories  
approved by NIRSC Board of  
Directors  
1-11-07.**

## **Classes of NIRSC Membership**

- Goals of categories of membership mesh with NIRSC mission, to increase the accuracy and knowledge of NIRS testing of forages and feeds. This improves service to entire forage and feed industry.**
- Several categories of membership help ease barriers to entry for member/prospective member labs.**

## **Class 1: Regular Membership**

- **annual fee \$2500**
- **expected to participate by submitting spectra & samples**
- **use NIRSC equations for commercial use**
- **voting members**

## **Class 2: Research/Non-Profit**

- **annual fee \$1000**
- **a public entity, test non-commercial samples (= samples that may be from various sources, but the member does not receive money for testing the samples), and do not compete with commercial labs**
- **use NIRSC equations for research and/or non-profit uses**
- **expected to participate by submitting spectra & samples**
- **do not make money from the use of NIRSC equations**
- **voting members**

### **Class 3: Sponsorship**

- annual fee \$1500
- a commercial entity
- do not receive NIRSC equations
- not required to pay new member set-up fee
- contribute to NIRSC with expertise, collaboration, samples, spectra, etc., and want to expand the utility of NIRS
- voting members

### **Class 4: Collaborators**

- no annual fee
- a public and non-profit entity
- collaborate from a research and extension standpoint or act as a reference laboratory
- letter of understanding of use required for loaned equations from NIRSC with approval of board
- non-voting members

## Class 5: Instrument Manufacturers

- Annual fee \$2000
- A commercial entity
- Not required to submit spectra or chemistry
- Receive NIRSC equations for marketing and demonstration purposes only
- Sign Research Agreement (and a specific research plan as appropriate; may be obligated to contribute money above and beyond annual fee if the specific research plan requires it)
- Not required to pay new membership fee
- Contribute to NIRSC with expertise, collaboration, and want to expand the utility of NIRS; e.g. technical articles for newsletter, workshop presentations, NIRSC member contact
- Voting members
- Equal time on rotating annual basis on annual meeting agenda; display space included annually