

# METROLAB NETWORK MEMBERSHIP



MetroLab Network is a non-profit organization that believes data- and technology-oriented research and innovation will lead to more effective, adaptive, and creative government and community services. Its mission is to support local governments and universities and colleges working together to bring positive change to our communities.

MetroLab strives to be as inclusive as possible. Now we are offering a two-tiered approach to membership. We appreciate your consideration in joining MetroLab; your membership directly supports operations and programming.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **What is a MetroLab Member?**

By supporting MetroLab as a Member, your organization will gain access to invite-only programming and thought leadership contributions. If you are with a local government, your city or county will receive/are eligible to participate in the following:

- Invitation-only virtual roundtable discussions with MetroLab members on relevant policy topics (examples include city-wide data governance, mobility as a service, decarbonization).
- Semi-annual meetings with MetroLab leadership that provide MetroLab the opportunity to learn more about your current projects (and how to amplify your stories), how best to support you, and how we can connect you to other resources.
- Two complimentary tickets to the annual MetroLab Summit.
- Member and affiliate-only opportunities curated by MetroLab staff.

If you belong to a university or college, MetroLab also provides student programming, including project competitions, featured work, and highlighted fellowship/internship opportunities.

If you belong to a regional innovation nonprofit, you will also receive cross promotion of MetroLab and regional innovation nonprofit events, programs, research, and news and cross promotion of MetroLab and regional innovation nonprofit partnership on each organization's website.

### **How much does it cost to be a MetroLab Member?**

For local governments: \$1500/year

For universities and colleges: \$2500/year

For regional innovation nonprofits: \$1500/year

### **What kind of organizations are eligible to be members?**

Cities, counties, tribes, planning agencies (MPOs, ports, and transit), universities, and colleges, and regional innovation nonprofits. If your organization is not listed above but would like to see if you are eligible, please contact [info@metrolabnetwork.org](mailto:info@metrolabnetwork.org).

### **What if I am a non-profit interested in participating in MetroLab?**

MetroLab proudly partners with leading non-profit organizations around the US and internationally. We have a new membership category, regional innovation nonprofits, which is outlined above.

## **What is the deadline for dues?**

July 1, 2023

## **When does membership programming begin?**

August 1, 2023, starting with an invite-only virtual roundtable.

## **What if I'm late paying the dues?**

That's ok! We will send invites and programming updates as soon as dues are paid.

## **What if my organization can't afford dues at this time? What is a MetroLab Affiliate?**

MetroLab offers a two-tiered option approach to membership. If you cannot pay dues but would like to join the conversation, get programmatic updates, and participate in open MetroLab events, join as an Affiliate. This option is open to local governments and colleges and universities.

This option, which is a one-year membership trial, is available at no cost. To become an affiliate, just submit an application. The application must demonstrate a desire to join collaborative efforts in furthering civic innovation and research, and highlighting expertise and resources that may contribute to future work.

### Affiliate Benefits

- Invitation and discounted tickets to the annual MetroLab Summit.
- Member and affiliate-only opportunities curated by MetroLab staff.
- Regular updates on partnership opportunities, MetroLab programming, and other relevant updates from MetroLab members and affiliates.

## **If I am a current Affiliate, can I renew for a second year?**

Yes, current affiliates (2022-2023 cycle) can renew their affiliate status for an additional 12 months. You can click [here](#) to renew your affiliate status.

Current affiliates can also upgrade their status to become full members. If you are a current affiliate, you do not need to reapply to become a member. Just proceed to step 2 as outlined [here](#).

## **Will I need to renew my application annually if my organization is a MetroLab Affiliate?**

New affiliates are welcome to join at this level for a full cycle. After that time, we strongly encourage affiliates to become full members.

## **When will all membership annual dues or applications be due next year?**

Membership will continue on this schedule. To be a member in 2024 - 2025:

Dues by July 1, 2024

Programming begins August 1, 2024

## **How do I apply?**

- To join as a MetroLab Member, please fill out [this form](#).
- To join as a MetroLab Affiliate, please fill out [this form](#).