FAQs on Associate Membership

Useful things to know about Associate Membership of KCLSU

What is Associate Membership?
All current King’s College London students are automatically members of KCLSU (King’s College London Students’ Union).

People who aren’t current King’s students – such as King’s alumni or students from other London universities – may want to join a KCLSU student group, use KCLSU spaces, take part in activities or visit our venues. To do this, they would need to be an Associate Member.

Associate Membership costs £25 and lasts for the academic year it’s purchased within.

Who is eligible to become an Associate Member?
- KCL alumni
- Current students of Higher Education institutions in the United Kingdom
- Current students of non UK publicly funded Universities of King’s College Partner Institutions (as acknowledged by the Study Abroad Office, King’s Worldwide Office and the Vice Principal for External Relations)
- KCL Staff
- KCLSU Staff.

What are the key changes to the Associate Membership policy?
- Memberships expiring in July 2018 will cost £25.
- Life Time Memberships are no longer available to buy, but all current Life Time Associate Memberships will be honoured.
- Coaches and Instructors are no longer required to become Associate Members, but are required to register with KCLSU.
- KCLSU ratified student groups will need to maintain a 2:1 Student to Associate Member ratio at all times, to make sure we’re making the best use of KCLSU resources for the benefit of King’s students.
- Associate Membership cards will be required to access KCLSU and KCL spaces.
- Student groups are free to run taster sessions throughout the year. Non King’s students attending taster sessions must meet the eligibility requirements of the Associate Membership policy.
- Once the Associate Membership has been processed, the Associate Member will be issued a login for the KCLSU website.

Can students from other Universities join a KCLSU student group?
Yes, any student enrolled at a Higher Education institution in the UK can apply for Associate Membership of KCLSU. Once their application’s been processed, they’ll be able to join student groups.

Why has the price of the Associate Membership increased?
Our main funding comes from the University and an amount is allocated per King’s student. This money is for us to spend on our charitable purposes, for the benefits of King’s students. Any Associate Memberships
must in effect cover any costs associated with that member, so the changes to the Associate Membership policy are designed to ensure that costs associated to the operations of KCLSU are shared fairly amongst all of our members.

What am entitled to as an Associate Member?
Associate Members have access to range of benefits such as access to student groups, access to and discounts for KCL and KCLSU Union services, venues and gyms.

What am I not entitled to as an Associate Member?
- To vote in any election run by KCLSU or a KCLSU group.
- To hold an officer or representative role at KCLSU.
- Access to KCL spaces unless through a ratified student group activity.
- To hold a KCLSU group committee position.
- Attendance at committee meetings.
- Participation in BUCS competitions.

How do I become an Associate Member?
Complete our online application form found under the Membership section of the website and wait for your membership to be processed. This will normally be between 7 and 14 days from the date of your application. On collection of your membership card, you will be required to pay for the Associate Membership alongside the membership of the group you wish to join.

For more information please have a quick read through our Associate Membership Policy or contact associatemembership@kclsu.org