

University Membership: Details

BAFA is a vibrant membership organisation founded in 1969, covering the widest span of arts festivals in the UK. There are over 300 members from festivals, venues, artist managers and universities, stretching from Bath, Brighton and the Isle of Wight to Belfast, Edinburgh and Aberdeen.

When a University department or faculty becomes a BAFA Member, the membership is extended to everyone in that faculty or school – all of the staff, current students and recent graduates (up to roughly one year after graduating). Being part of the BAFA Membership is a great way to form concrete links with future employers in the festival and events sector, increase knowledge and awareness of the sector and facilitate the sharing of information and work experience opportunities for lecturers and for students.

Benefits

- Direct links to industry professionals – be part of a two way conversation
- Direct access to partners for collaboration, i.e. research projects
- Separate usernames for students (if they complete the student access form) to access the members' area
- Inclusion for students in the private Facebook page where jobs, advice and interesting articles are posted
- Lecturers' Facebook group to connect you with other UK Events lecturers
- Access to the BAFA Members area
- Opportunity to influence the direction of BAFA as a bridging organisation between the education sector and industry – what messages do you want to get across?
- Influence the content of BAFA Events to make them relevant to the University and to your students and recent graduates
- Annual 'A Festival Career' conference for universities, students and recent graduates with leading industry speakers – very special rates for members
- The opportunity to have a tailored student road show built into your lecturing timetable during the spring
- Early booking for other BAFA Events including those specifically for your sector
- Receive the 'BAFA Brief' newsletter which can be forwarded to your students

What does this mean in practice?

With such a broad membership there is going to be more than one festival that looks interesting to you and to your students. BAFA can facilitate those connections. For students seeking advice on their career – to help them explore options or just to answer questions – putting them in touch with the right person at the right time at the right festival. Similarly if your department is looking for someone to lecture on a specialised subject in the festival or event sector BAFA can facilitate connections with key people in the sector.

The application for the University asks you to list a main contact, BAFA will be in touch when membership is complete to collate other lecturer emails to set up as members. Once a University has joined, individual students will need to submit a short form to BAFA so we can do the same for them.

What next?

Visit the BAFA Website, go to [Join BAFA](#) and click on University Membership and complete the application form. BAFA will check your application and contact you to agree the subscription payment and set up your membership. The annual fee is £500 and runs September to August but if you join after January your subscription for your first year will be worked out on a pro-rata basis.

[CONTACT BAFA HERE](#) if you need further advice or have queries that we can help with