

ASTM International

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ASTM International membership is open on a non-discriminatory basis to individuals and bodies worldwide and ASTM welcomes and encourages participation from around the world in the development of its standards using advanced Internet-based standards development tools. The standards developed by ASTM cover a wide range of industries and sectors including petroleum, chemicals, energy, environment, consumer products, construction, metals, automotive, and medical devices.

Beyond its leadership in the area of standards development, ASTM International offers technical training programs for industry and government, as well as proficiency testing, interlaboratory crosscheck programs and newly initiated certification programs, which support manufacturers, users, researchers and laboratories worldwide.

ASTM International's Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) program promotes communication between ASTM International and national standards bodies of emerging economies worldwide. As a benefit of the MOU program, technical experts from any of the countries where MOUs have been signed can participate freely as full voting members in the ASTM standards development process. In addition, ASTM's Global Cooperation Department provides a wide range of capacity building interventions to help transfer technical knowledge through firmly established test methods and specifications.

ASTM International world headquarters are located in West Conshohocken, Pennsylvania, U.S.A. The Society also has offices in Belgium, Canada, China, Mexico and Washington, D.C. For more information on ASTM please see the website: <http://www.astm.org/>

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Program:	<u>Technical and Professional Training (TPT) Courses</u> ASTM International offers continuing technical education programs for industry and government. ASTM offers a regular set of courses covering a broad range of technical areas, some of which are offered on-line, as well as an option for onsite courses tailored to the needs of a particular organization. The on-site courses are offered worldwide, either through international partners, or ASTM personnel.
Criteria:	Varies by course
Timeline:	Varies by course
Website:	Additional information on ASTM education courses can be found here: http://www.astm.org/TRAIN/index.html
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Program:	<u>Standards Expert Program (SEP)</u> The Standards Expert Program (SEP) is a key benefit offered to ASTM MOU signatories. Each year, through the SEP, ASTM offers to host up to three standards experts for a one-month period at ASTM headquarters. During their stay, the experts learn about ASTM International and its operations, ASTM technical committees, and ASTM's internet based standards development tools. The experts also travel to an ASTM Technical Committee meeting and visit other standards-related public and private organizations located in Washington, D.C.
Criteria:	ASTM identifies which MOU partners will participate each year and the MOU partner is responsible for identifying the participating expert from their organization
Timeline:	Varies by year, program duration is approximately one month
Website:	Additional information on ASTM's Standards Expert Program can be found here: http://www.astm.org/GLOBAL/seeps.html
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Program:	<u>MOU Technical Visitor Grant Program (TVGP)</u> The MoU Technical Visitor Grant Program (TVGP) is a special funding opportunity offered by ASTM to its MOU signatories to strengthen the participation of technical experts from around the world in the ASTM standards development process. The TVGP provides financial assistance, for a period of between 4-6 weeks, to support one individual from an MoU partner country to participate in an educational program about ASTM International standards in a given sector. ASTM funds up to 50% of the program costs, not to exceed 5000 USD.
Criteria:	MoU signatory personnel, as well as, industry experts serving on the MoU signatory's technical committees are eligible to apply. All proposals submitted must be in accordance with the program objectives.
Timeline:	Varies by program
Website:	Additional information on ASTM's Technical Visitor Grant Program can be found here: http://www.astm.org/GLOBAL/coop_training.html
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Program:	<u>Intensive Training Program (ITP)</u> Intensive Training Programs in the U.S. are available to representatives of industry and government who wish to utilize or better understand and apply ASTM International standards and/or contribute to or influence the content of the ASTM standards to reflect local market and regulatory needs. Participants meet with technical experts in their field and develop a network of contacts. The program typically includes 8 – 10 participants who are technical experts within a sector or technical area. Costs are covered primarily by the participants’ sponsoring industry or government, although ASTM staff plans and executes the ITP, including key site visits, for which it does not charge the ITP partner.
Criteria:	Industry experts and/or staff from national standards bodies from any country may apply. The program components’ focus must be within an industry sector closely aligned with one or more ASTM International technical committees.
Timeline:	Varies by program
Website:	Additional information on ASTM’s Intensive Training Programs can be found here: http://www.astm.org/GLOBAL/coop_training.html
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Program:	<u>Staff Attachments</u> Staff Attachment positions at ASTM International's World Headquarters are available to representatives of industry and government who wish to become knowledgeable about ASTM procedures and tools, work more closely with an ASTM technical committee, or to research a particular area of interest related to the work of ASTM International. Costs are covered primarily by the participants' sponsoring industry or government, although ASTM staff plans and manages the Attachment, for which it does not charge the sponsoring organization.
Criteria:	Industry experts and/or staff from national standards bodies from any country may apply. Learning objectives for the attached staff member are mutually agreed upon by ASTM and the sponsoring organization.
Timeline:	Varies by Attachment
Website:	Additional information on ASTM's Staff Attachments can be found under the heading "Other International Visiting Experts" located here: http://www.astm.org/GLOBAL/seeps.html
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Program:	<u>Virtual Training</u> Global Cooperation staff uses web conferencing (Virtual Meetings) to engage technical experts and standards professionals internationally. Virtual Training is interactive web-based training which pertains to various aspects of ASTM such as standards development procedures or specific technical standards or issues. This training is conducted using Voice over Internet Protocol (VOIP) or a phone connection along with an Internet connection (interpretation can be provided). Virtual Training is typically one hour in duration and offered free of charge.
Criteria:	Industry experts and/or staff from national standards bodies from any country may apply. Learning objectives for the Virtual Training are mutually agreed upon by ASTM and the sponsoring organization.
Timeline:	Typically one hour in duration
Website:	Additional information on ASTM's Virtual Training can be found here: http://www.astm.org/GLOBAL/coop_training.html
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