

# GSOC Membership: A Primer

## **Why become a member:**

By becoming a member you get access to union decision making. You can participate in your union through voting in union matters in membership meetings, being part of committees, holding various union offices (e.g. stewards), being part of bargaining committee during contract negotiations, and many more (see your GSOC Bylaws for more details). You can also proudly say that you are a dues-paying member of your union, i.e. you contribute to keeping your union running!

## **How to Become a GSOC member:**

There are three ways for you to become a GSOC member.

### 1. Full Membership (working in a given semester)

- **Eligibility:** Full membership is available to those who are in a union job.
- **Rights:** All union membership rights.
- **Dues:** 2% of total compensation deducted for the semester in which you work
- **To Enroll:** Sign a union card, scan and email to [local2110@2110uaw.org](mailto:local2110@2110uaw.org). Get a confirmation from us. Dues will get deducted automatically from your paycheck. Signing up to pay either union dues, or equivalent agency fees is a mandatory condition of employment while working in a union position.

### 2. Full Membership Maintenance (worked in the last three semesters):

- **Eligibility:** If you were in a union job in the last three semesters.
- **Rights:** All union membership rights.
- **Dues:** \$10 per month for fully-funded PhD students and \$5 per month for unfunded graduate students.
- **To Enroll:** Sign a union card, scan and email to [local2110@2110uaw.org](mailto:local2110@2110uaw.org). Write "Maintaining Membership" in the subject line, and we will send you further instructions. Make sure to get a confirmation from us.

### 3. Associate membership:

- **Eligibility:** If you have not worked in a union job so far or haven't worked in one in the last three semesters, you can be an associate member.

- **Rights:** All unit-level union membership rights, except: representing members in grievances and collective bargaining, voting for contract ratification, voting at the Local 2110 level, voting at the UAW International level, and serving on the Joint Council.
- **Dues:** \$30 per year or \$2.50 per month.
- **To Enroll:** Sign a union card, scan and email to [local2110@2110uaw.org](mailto:local2110@2110uaw.org). Write "Associate Membership" in the subject line, and we will send you further instructions. Make sure to get a confirmation from us.