

# Membership Plans for Utah Data Science Center

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## Overview

This document describes procedures by which new Core and Affiliated Members can join the Utah Data Science Center. It also outlines basic responsibilities and expectations of each type of member.

## Core Members

Core members of the Utah Data Science Center consist of the faculty in the most active and central role for the center. They should expect to occasionally take on leadership roles within the center, actively participate in its events, and participate in efforts to secure funding for the center activities. For instance, all core members will plan to regularly attend and participate in the Data Science Seminar.

Beyond the main director who will oversee all activities, other leadership roles will initially include the Associate Director of Research (in charge of organizing seminars), the Associate Director of Outreach (in charge of coordinating outreach events like the Data Science Day), and the Associate Director of Student-Involvement (in charge of integrating students into activities, including mentoring the Data Science Club).

To become a core member, one must be nominated by an existing core member. An email to the other core members explaining how the proposed member will contribute to the center's mission will serve as a nomination. Nominations of a potential core member should only be made if that person shows interest and commitment to the role.

A nomination is successful, and the person becomes a core member if they receive at least 2/3 of votes among core members in favor, out of all core members. Voting can be done in person at a meeting of core members (with at least 2/3 present), or over email. Over email, the voting will close after 1 week.

Core members will be removed from this role if either (a) they request to be removed, or (b) they no longer are associated with the data science efforts in Utah.

## Affiliated Members

Affiliated members of the Utah Center for Data Science consist of faculty and researchers who bring expertise and connections to the center for uses of data science, and the associated resources and challenges. They will often be collaborators with core members, and leaders in using data science for particular domains. Their role will be to connect the center to the broad disciplines around Utah which rely on data science.

To become an affiliated member, one should send a letter or email of interest to the Center Director or Associate Director of Outreach. The letter should describe how they will contribute to the Utah Center for Data Science.

A request is successful if on a vote among core members, they receive more than 1/2 of votes in favor, out of all core members. Voting can be done in person at a meeting of core members (with at least 2/3 present), or over email. Over email, the voting will close after 1 week.

Affiliate members will be removed from this role if either (a) they request to be removed, or (b) they no longer are associated with the data science efforts in Utah.

## Timing and Updating Membership

Voting on new members, both Affiliate and Core, will take place twice a year (conditioned on requests or nominations). Each vote will take place within 1 month of the start of the Spring, and of the Fall semester. The Center Director will facilitate a physical or email meeting to hold these votes. All nominations and requests must be collected and distributed prior to the start of the meeting.

The people serving as core and affiliate members will be maintained on the Utah Center for Data Science website under the domain <http://datascience.utah.edu>. Changes in membership will be reflected within two weeks of the bi-annual meetings which decide membership.

## Current Members

This document was read and agreed to by all core members in September 2018.

At the time of this agreement, the following people are Core Members:

- Aditya Bhaskara
- Lajos Horvath
- Alexander Lex
- Feifei Li
- Braxton Osting
- Jeff M. Phillips
- Vivek Srikumar
- Suresh Venkatasubramanian
- Bei Wang
- Shandian Zhe

And the following people are Affiliated Members:

- Kyle Dawson
- Olivia Sheng
- Zac Imel
- Sarang Joshi
- Tolga Tasdizen
- John Horel
- Xiaoyue Cathy Liu
- Amanda Smith
- Taylor Sparks
- James Sutherland
- Brian Chapman