



University Group Membership

Questions & Answers for Students

How can I connect with other student members if I join the Nutrition Society?

You can connect with other students, via Member-Connect our member-only engagement platform, and in person at our conferences and events. We offer a buddy system too, so you don't have to go alone. Nutrition Futures in September is the must-attend conference for students, see them present their research, hear the speakers talking about many careers-related topics, and watch the ever-popular careers panel where you can pose all those burning questions to our experts.

Will I be able to access the Journal Clubs for free if I'm a University Group Member?

Yes, and these are a great way to learn how to critique and appraise scientific papers.

Can I cancel my membership at any time if I need to?

You are free to cancel your membership at any time, but you will instantly lose access to all those useful benefits.

Does my membership allow me to go to the conferences held throughout the year?

Yes, your membership will give you discounts to all our conferences and events. They are held in venues around the country and are always friendly and welcoming, plus you get to rub shoulders with some well-known and innovative nutritionists in industry, sports, and academia.

Will this membership look good on my CV?

It will look good on your CV as it demonstrates commitment to your subject and a willingness to keep up to date with your subject area. You can also get more involved with the Society and any skills and experience you gain will also boost your chances of standing out from the crowd.

Do all nutrition students at my university have to sign up for me to get free university group membership?

We cannot accept individual members for the free membership, and we would like a staff member to be the central point of contact to make it all easy to administer. If your university does not wish to take part, then please contact us for further consideration.

What do I gain with the free membership?

You can receive lots of useful benefits for now and for your career after university.

These benefits include:

- Saving up to £101.73 on Nutrition Society textbooks with our 35% member discount.
- Free monthly journal club to improve knowledge and critical appraisal skills.
- Free online careers sessions to highlight potential career paths.
- Saving up to £50 a year with 50% discounted rates to the Society's Academy webinars at only £4.99 a month
- Free access to the Nutritional Science Collection research database- a curated and subject specific database of over 400,000 nutritional science paper, all tagged with keywords to make searching easier. A saving of £990 on a personal subscription.
- Discounted rates to conferences including 'Nutrition Futures', our careers and science conference just for students.

When I graduate, do I then have to pay for my membership?

The free membership is a pilot project for three years and for undergraduates only, so anyone outside of those three years will have to pay for their membership. This is no different if you paid as a Student Member and graduate, as you will then move onto Early Career membership which will run for ten years after your graduation at a reduced rate. If, however, you decide to move on to do further study as a student, then you can apply for Student Membership at £20 whether you are doing a postgraduate diploma, an MSc, or a PhD.

Does the free membership give me full student access or is there anything I may have to pay for?

There will be things you have to pay for such as conferences and webinars etc, but these are optional and none of the core benefits you will have to pay for. There are some benefits reserved for paying students, but they are more suited to MSc and PhD students anyway.

Will my membership be free for as long as I'm a student?

Your University Group Membership will only be free as long as you remain at a participating university and have not yet graduated, and provided it is within the three years of the project pilot. If for example you join as a first-year student undergraduate during the second year of the pilot, then you may only get two years for free, if the pilot is not made permanent.

