



NIRSC Categories of Membership 2020

All NIRSC Members are required to sign the NIRSC Forage and Feed Testing Consortium License Agreement. The Agreement is renewed annually with payment of fees.

1. Commercial Member

- Includes (A) Commercial Testing Labs, (B) Breeder Research, and (C) Other Commercial Entities
- Annual fee \$4100
- Expected to participate by submitting spectra and samples
- Uses NIRSC calibrations for commercial use
- Voting member

2. Instrument Partner Member

- A commercial entity
- Annual fee \$2600
- Not required to submit spectra or chemistry
- Receives NIRSC calibrations for demonstration and installation purposes, and helps develop calibrations for new instrument platforms
- Not required to pay new membership fee
- Contributes to NIRSC with expertise and collaboration, and wants to expand the utility of NIRSC; e.g. technical articles for newsletter, workshop presentations, NIRSC member contact
- Equal time on rotating annual basis on annual meeting agenda; equal display space annually
- Voting member

3. Research/Non-Profit Member

- A public entity, tests non-commercial samples (samples that may be from various sources, but the member does not receive profit for testing the samples), and does not compete with commercial labs
- Annual fee \$2100
- Uses NIRSC calibrations for research and/or non-profit uses
- Expected to participate by submitting spectra and samples
- Does not profit from the use of NIRSC calibrations
- Voting member

4. Sponsorship Member

- A commercial entity
- Annual fee \$2000, with additional levels available
- Does not receive NIRSC calibrations
- Not required to pay new member setup fee
- Contributes to NIRSC with expertise, collaboration, samples, spectra, etc., and wants to expand the utility of NIRSC
- Voting member

5. Collaborator Member (by special application only, approved by the Board of Directors)

- A public and non-profit entity
- No annual fee
- May use NIRSC calibrations for research and/or non-profit uses
- Collaborates above and beyond submission of unique spectra and samples, from a research and/or extension standpoint, and/or acts as a reference laboratory, and/or provides a physical facility, equipment, overhead, or other
- Voting member