

# INTERNATIONAL TEXTILE AND APPAREL ASSOCIATION

A GLOBAL ORGANIZATION OF TEXTILE AND APPAREL SCHOLARS



## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

### ITAA HISTORY

The International Textile and Apparel Association has its roots in the first half of the twentieth century. In 1935, the United States Office of Education cooperated with institutions of higher learning in studying the curricula. As a result of these curricula studies, conferences of textile and clothing professors have been held annually in at least one of three geographic regions of the U.S. since 1944. The first national meeting of textile and clothing professors, planned by a committee representing three geographic regions, was held in Madison, Wisconsin in June, 1959. A National Steering Committee was chosen to coordinate the work of the three regions, encourage means of strengthening college teaching, and develop future plans. The National Steering Committee, composed of delegates from the three regions, developed guidelines for operation and membership eligibility. Interregional conferences and seminars were sponsored and at the second meeting in 1968, the National Steering Committee was empowered to write a constitution for the organization. This was accepted in 1970 by the three regions who voted to become affiliates of the national group. The organization was incorporated in 1979 and became the Association of College Professors of Textiles and Clothing, Inc. In 1983, a Futures Committee was appointed to investigate and discuss the philosophical foundation of the field and potential courses of action for the organization. Member input was sought through sub-regional meetings in each region. In 1985, officers and regional representatives processed member input at a retreat in Milledgeville, Georgia, which led to a restatement of the purpose of ACPTC. The organization was restructured into a national unit with annual national meetings in 1988. The name was changed to International Textile and Apparel Association in 1991 to reflect its emerging global perspective and growing international membership.

### THE ORGANIZATION

The International Textile and Apparel Association, Inc. (ITAA) is a non-profit educational and scientific corporation dedicated to providing opportunities for interaction among textile, apparel and merchandising scholars in education, business, government, and industry. ITAA's roots were initially in the United States but the organization has expanded to include members in numerous other countries. ITAA advances excellence in research, theory development, education, creative work, and their applications in the global textiles and apparel field.

### BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

When you join ITAA, you are joining an established network of scholars with common interests and concerns. You can participate at reduced member rates in annual meetings that provide opportunities to:

- Report on and learn about new developments and research in textiles, apparel, retailing, and related areas;
- Report on and learn about new teaching techniques and methodologies;
- Compete for grants and fellowships;
- Meet and interact with textile and apparel leaders in academia, industry, and government;
- Explore common interests and problems with persons from diverse institutional environments;
- Introduce graduate students to professional association activities.

As part of your membership, you will receive copies of the quarterly Clothing and Textile Research Journal (CTRJ) and the bimonthly ITAA Newsletter, which includes information on issues of importance to the textile, apparel and merchandising field.

ITAA sponsors several competitive awards for graduate students and other membership categories to further scholarship and professional development. Certain awards promote and recognize excellence in the achievements of members.

Members participate in Association activities by presenting and publishing juried scholarship, engaging in outreach activities, serving on committees, and holding elected office.

## MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES



**Professional:** Individuals with an advanced degree in textiles and apparel or a related discipline, employed at a college or university, and involved in education, scholarship, or outreach. Active members may have links on the ITAA website to their department web pages and may have links to their departments' online courses in textiles, apparel and merchandising.

A **professional member** shall meet the following criteria:

1. A bachelor's and/or advanced degree from an accredited college or university with a specialization in textiles and clothing or a discipline (e.g., sociology) related to textiles and clothing.
2. A current or former appointment in resident instruction and/or research and/or administration and/or extension as a state specialist in textiles and/or clothing in an accredited college or university.
3. If criteria #1 and #2 above are not met, a person interested in strengthening and expanding education and research in the field of textiles and clothing may be considered for membership by the membership committee.

**Emeritus:** Individuals who are retired and have a minimum of seven years of ITAA membership in the active category.

**Graduate Student:** Individuals who are full-time, in residence graduate students at an accredited college or university, enrolled in a textile, apparel, merchandising or related program, and not eligible for Active membership.

**Undergraduate Student:** Individuals who are enrolled in an undergraduate program at an accredited college or university, or post-secondary design school

**Corporate:** May be any corporation, industrial organization, institution, or business with a direct interest in strengthening and expanding education and research in the field of textiles, apparel and retailing. Corporate members shall designate one individual eligible to attend annual conferences, workshops or events at member rates and receive one copy of the Clothing and Textiles Research Journal and ITAA Newsletter. Corporate members will be publicized through listings in ITAA publications and recognition at annual conferences.

## ANNUAL DUES

Professional:	\$150.00
Emeritus:	\$130.00
Graduate Student:	\$ 60.00
Undergraduate Student:	\$ 35.00
Corporate:	\$500.00

By registering for and participating in Conferences, Events, Study Tours, and other Activities of ITAA, an individual grants permission for the International Textile and Apparel Association to use his/her likeness in a photograph, video, or other digital media in any and all of its publications, including web-based publications, without payment or other consideration. Individuals understand and agree that all photos will become the property of the International Textile and Apparel Association and may be made available online but will be not returned. Individuals understand that the International Textile and Apparel Association may edit, alter, copy, exhibit, publish, or distribute these photos for professional and informational purposes, and waive the right to inspect or approve the finished product wherein their likenesses appear.

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION** (Please Type or Print)

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Degrees Offered (check all that apply):

AA \_\_\_ BA \_\_\_ BFA \_\_\_ BS \_\_\_ MA \_\_\_ MBA \_\_\_ MFA \_\_\_ MS \_\_\_ EdD \_\_\_ PhD \_\_\_

**AREAS OF RESEARCH OR TEACHING INTEREST** (Check no more than three):

- \_\_\_ Consumer Behavior      \_\_\_ Culture      \_\_\_ Design/Product Development
- \_\_\_ Fashion Studies      \_\_\_ History      \_\_\_ International
- \_\_\_ Merchandising/Retailing      \_\_\_ Pedagogy      \_\_\_ Popular Culture
- \_\_\_ Social/Psychological      \_\_\_ Sustainability      \_\_\_ Textile/Apparel Industries
- \_\_\_ Textile Science \_\_\_ Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Highest degree held (check one):

\_\_\_ AA \_\_\_ BA \_\_\_ BFA \_\_\_ BS \_\_\_ MA \_\_\_ MBA \_\_\_ MFA \_\_\_ MS \_\_\_ EdD \_\_\_ PhD

**PAYMENT METHOD:** (payable in US currency only)

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I authorize ITAA to charge my credit card for the following dues:

Professional - \$150.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Emeritus - \$130.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Corporate - \$500.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Graduate Student - \$60.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Undergraduate Student - \$35.00 \_\_\_\_\_

The ITAA membership year runs January 1 through December 31, and dues are not prorated. Upon receipt of payment, membership will be current through December 31 of the year specified \_\_\_\_\_.