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NISS/SAMSI University Affiliates Program

Summary of Membership Benefits

The NISS/SAMSI University Affiliates Program and NISS Affiliates Program are a potent, successful cross-sector forum supporting research discussions, information dissemination, human resource development and networking among the more than sixty industrial, government and university members. The affiliates were honored in 2005 with the Statistical Partnerships among Academia, Industry and Government (SPAIG) award of the American Statistical Association. The principal benefits of university affiliate membership are:

Affiliates Clusters Newly formed in 2009, these are groups of individuals from affiliates with shared interests pursuing activities deemed to be of value. Clusters are defined by sector, problem area, statistical themes or any other focus that makes sense to the members.

Affiliate Reimbursement Accounts (ARAs) One-half of each year's membership fee is placed into an affiliate-controlled account that can be used to meet costs of attending NISS events, SAMSI events, or events co-sponsored by either institute. Funds are carried over to future years.

Access to NISS and SAMSI and Research and Postdoctorals, including Technology Days with early reports of research results and contact with outstanding early career researchers who are superb employee prospects.

Annual Meeting Costs of attending the spring annual meeting of the affiliates, which is typically hosted by an affiliate, are covered by the program.

Direct Input to the scientific leadership of NISS and SAMSI, resulting in strong influence on NISS research and workshops as well as SAMSI programming.

Visibility The NISS web site has information about every affiliate, and highlights one affiliate on a rotating basis. Every issue of the quarterly *NISS Parameters* newsletter features one affiliate.

Workshops responding to affiliate interests and needs. Recent topics include agent-based simulation, availability of research data, computational advertising and financial risk. Some workshops are open only to affiliates. Fees for other workshops that range from \$300 to \$1,500 for non-affiliates are waived for affiliates.