

# ePESSTO+ Membership Policy

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## Introduction

This document outlines the ePESSTO+ policy for membership of the collaboration.

The formal membership list (“Founding members of ePESSTO+”) is the co-Investigator list explicitly written in the ePESSTO+ ESO proposal. An open call for Co-Is was made through the PESSTO email lists and some other invited scientists. This proposal is available on the ePESSTO+ wiki under ePESSTO+ policies.

This membership were given the first chance to propose science projects and join science teams within ePESSTO+.

ePESSTO+ membership allows for

1. Login credentials for the PESSTO Marshall
2. Addition to the email list [all@pessto.org](mailto:all@pessto.org) and [alerts@pessto.org](mailto:alerts@pessto.org)
3. Login credentials for the ePESSTO+ wiki (including the PESSTO sections)

## Policy for admitting members

We envisage new scientists wanting to request ePESSTO+ membership. These fall into three distinct categories:

1. *New Students and postdocs of already existing ePESSTO+ members* : if an ePESSTO+ scientist has a student or postdoc that they would like to join in order to work on already agreed science topics, then the Science Board expects that this will be a fairly smooth and easy process. The ePESSTO+ member who is proposing the new members should send the details of these people (First and last names, email address) to the Chair of the Science Board and the survey PI, as well as the lead of the science group(s) in which they will most likely work. A brief (1-2 sentence) justification should be included. These new students and postdocs should be made aware of the science policies by the sponsoring ePESSTO+ member, and that the leads of the Science Groups have authority and responsibility for that area. If the sponsoring member happens to be a Science Group lead, then they should follow the same process as above and inform the rest of their team. The PI will then add their names to the list on the wiki and arrange for the access above to be provided.
2. *Independent scientists wishing to join ePESSTO+ Science Groups* : independent scientists are defined as those who are not postdocs or students of already existing ePESSTO+ members. If these scientists are joining ePESSTO+ by recommendation of a Science Group lead, with the specific intention of working within that Science Group under the existing leadership team, then the Board expect that this should be a fairly smooth and easy process. They must be recommended by a Science Group lead and the independent scientist should acknowledge that they understand the ePESSTO+ policies and that they are primarily members of ePESSTO+ to contribute to the Science Group to which they have been proposed. This does not prevent them

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1. Originally drafted by PESSTO/ePESSTO survey PI and chair of the science board Stephen Smartt and Mark Sullivan respectively

from working on other topics, and indeed we encourage them to get involved in the operational aspects of ePESSTO+ (TAT, data analysis teams, observing). The science group lead who is proposing the new members should send the details of these people (first and last names, email address) to the Chair of the Science Board and the survey PI. A brief paragraph of justification should be included. This will be sent to [all@pessto.org](mailto:all@pessto.org) and the existing membership will be allowed one week to send comments (confidentially) to the Science Board Chair. Any objections to the person joining will be heard by the Board, who will vote (majority carries) if necessary.

3. *Independent scientists wishing to join ePESSTO+ and form a new Science group* : independent scientists are defined as any scientist from outside ePESSTO+ founding member list who wishes to join to start a new Science Group. These scientists should send the details of themselves and their project (First and last names, email address) to the Science Board Chair with a one page justification of what they propose to do. This will be sent the Science Board who will decide if this is within the remit of ePESSTO+ and if it clashes with existing projects. If it is decided that this is within ePESSTO+ interests and does not clash, then the proposal will be circulated to [all@pessto.org](mailto:all@pessto.org), from which time there will be a 2 week period for comment. This will allow any conflicts of science area to be addressed by the existing members. After that time, the Board will decide if the Science Group can be formed and the new member admitted. The Board does not expect many of these proposals, since the science in the ePESSTO+ proposal is already defined (almost in entirety) in the existing Science Groups.