



## Society of Illustrators, Artists & Designers

### MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

Approved by Full Council at their meeting of 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2004

#### Introduction

Associate membership (hereinafter referred to as *Membership*) of the Society is open to all practising illustrators, artists and designers involved in the production of any visual media. The four classes of *Membership* are: Student Member, Graduate Member (DipSIAD), Member (MSIAD) and Fellow (FSIAD). The class of *Membership* is determined by the qualifications, experience and achievements of the member.

Benefits of *Membership* and the requirements for each class of *Membership* are provided below. The SIAD year is from 1st April until 31st March in the year following. New members joining between 1<sup>st</sup> January and 31<sup>st</sup> March will enjoy the benefits of their *Membership* to 31<sup>st</sup> March in the year following that in which their *Membership* was awarded, whereupon their *Membership* shall be renewable annually thereafter.

There is no application fee for Students and Graduate Members. Application fees for Members and Fellows are payable at the time of application and are non-refundable. Annual subscription fees for all associate members is payable in advance and must be paid by 1st April each year. Payment reminders will be sent by email.

The Society is keen to retain the knowledge and experience of its retiring associate members. Retired associate members remain in their class of *Membership* following their retirement and, during their first two years of retirement, are encouraged to participate with active members in the portfolio surgeries for Student and Graduate Members. A reduced annual subscription fee exists for retired members.

If you have a query concerning membership requirements of SIAD, that is not addressed in this document, please send your query by email to [members@siad.org](mailto:members@siad.org)

## **Student Member**

Any student studying on a full-time course at a recognised college of further education, higher education or university (for the qualification of HND or degree or equivalent) in any discipline of visual media may apply for Student Membership of the Society.

### Benefits of Student Membership

- No application fee
- Receipt of monthly “SIAD Briefing” direct to your academic email address
- On-line portfolio surgeries (three submissions per academic year)
- Automatic transfer to Graduate Membership on successful completion of course of study

### Requirements

- Completed application form
- Written confirmation from the academic institution that the applicant is a full time student on an HND or degree course in a discipline of visual media

### Subscription

No application fee

Annual subscription is £25 per annum

### Application Form

Please request an application form (quoting your college or university email address) from [members@siad.org](mailto:members@siad.org)

## **Graduate Member (DipSIAD)**

Any student having successfully completed a full-time course at a recognised college of further education, higher education or university (for the qualification of HND or degree or equivalent) in any discipline of visual media may apply for Graduate Membership of the Society within one year of graduation.

### Benefits of Graduate Membership

- No application fee
- Receipt of monthly “SIAD Briefing” direct to your email address
- On-line portfolio surgeries (four submissions per calendar year)
- Inclusion of four examples of your work on the SIAD “Portfolio” web pages
- Use of the affix DipSIAD to your name

### Requirements

- Completed application form
- Copy of certificate/s of relevant academic qualification/s
- Portfolio of 4 projects undertaken during the course of study

### Subscription

No application fee

Annual subscription £40 per annum

*A member may remain as a Graduate Member until such time as they meet the time limits for minimum period of practice as stated under the Membership (MSIAD) requirements given below, whereupon they must cease to use the affix DipSIAD and must submit an application for Membership (MSIAD).*

### Application Form

Please request an application form from [members@siad.org](mailto:members@siad.org)

## **Member (MSIAD)**

Any practising illustrator, artist or designer involved in the production of any visual media may apply for Membership of the Society (MSIAD). Membership is granted to applicants that are able to provide evidence of a high degree of proficiency and the demonstration of high creative, technical and visual competence in their discipline/s.

Applications for Membership can be made in any discipline or combination of disciplines of visual media including, but not restricted to, Illustration, Fine Art, Photography, Sculpture, Textile, Multimedia, Film or Video, Fashion, Graphics, Interiors, Exhibition, Display, Product.

### Benefits of Membership

- Receipt of monthly "SIAD Briefing" direct to your email address
- Inclusion of four examples of your work on the SIAD "Portfolio" web pages
- Use of the affix MSIAD to your name
- Members are permitted to display (under licence) the Society's logo on their stationery, brochures and signboards (*for Corporate use of the logo, two or more principals must be Members or Fellows of the Society*)
- Accreditation to the European Approved Design Contractor (EADC) scheme subject to meeting the accreditation requirements of EADC

### Requirements

Applicants must provide the following:

- Completed application form
- Evidence of minimum 6 years practice experience (see \* below)
- Copy of certificate/s of relevant academic qualification/s
- Portfolio of 4 projects completed during practice experience  
*At least 2 of the projects must be supported by a covering letter from the client or other evidence confirming satisfactory completion of the project (consequently, a maximum of only 2 projects of personal work may be included in the portfolio)*

\* The minimum period of practice is reduced for applicants having completed a relevant course of study in a discipline of visual media or associated subject:

4 years if holding an HND in a discipline of visual media

3 years if holding an HND and transfer from Graduate Membership

3 years if holding a first degree (eg: BA) in a discipline of visual media

2 years if holding a first degree (eg: BA) and transfer from Graduate Membership

2 years if holding a higher degree (eg: MA) in a discipline of visual media

1 years if holding a higher degree (eg: MA) and transfer from Graduate Membership

### Subscription

Application fee is £30

Annual subscription £90 per annum (£30 per annum for retired Members)

### Application Form

To apply for Membership, please request an application form from [members@siad.org](mailto:members@siad.org)

If you wish to *transfer* from Graduate Membership (DipSIAD) to Membership (MSIAD), please request a copy of the Membership transfer application form from [members@siad.org](mailto:members@siad.org) quoting your membership number.

## **Fellow (FSIAD)**

Any practising illustrator, artist or designer involved in the production of any visual media, having been a Member (MSIAD) of the Society for a minimum of two years, (or can provide documentary or published evidence of ten years in practice) may apply for Fellowship of the Society (FSIAD). Fellowship of the Society is the highest grade of membership and is granted to applicants that provide evidence of the highest quality of original work and outstanding ability in their chosen discipline.

### Benefits of Fellowship

- Receipt of monthly “SIAD Briefing” direct to your email address
- Inclusion of four examples of your work on the SIAD “Portfolio” web pages
- Use of the affix FSIAD to your name
- Fellows are permitted to display (under licence) the Society’s logo on their stationery, brochures and signboards *(for Corporate use of the logo, two or more principals must be Members or Fellows of the Society)*
- Accreditation to the European Approved Design Contractor (EADC) scheme subject to meeting the accreditation requirements of EADC

### Requirements

Applicants must either:

- (i) have been a Member (MSIAD) of the Society for a minimum of two years and have continued in practice during that time; or
- (ii) provide documentary or published evidence of ten years in practice

All applicants must additionally provide the following:

- Completed application form
- Evidence of continuing practice during the period of MSIAD membership
- Portfolio of 4 projects completed during practice experience  
*At least 2 of the projects must be supported by a covering letter from the client or other evidence confirming satisfactory completion of the project (consequently, a maximum of only 2 projects of personal work may be included in the portfolio)*

### Subscription

Application fee is £40

Annual subscription £120 per annum (£40 per annum for retired Fellows)

### Application Form

To apply for Fellowship, please request an application form from [members@siad.org](mailto:members@siad.org)

If you wish to apply to *upgrade* from Membership (MSIAD) to Fellowship (FSIAD), please request a copy of the Fellowship upgrade application form from [members@siad.org](mailto:members@siad.org) quoting your membership number.

The logo for the Society of Illustrators, Artists & Designers (SIAD). It features the lowercase letters 'siad' in a bold, sans-serif font. The letters are white with a dark grey shadow effect, giving them a three-dimensional appearance as if they are floating above a dark surface.

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