



# Professional Membership Application Instructions

Professional members of the AMI are **actively involved** in the development and production of visual communications for medicine and the life sciences. AMI members uphold the highest standards of professionalism and abide by a [code of ethics](#).

To apply for Professional Membership visit [ami.org/membership](http://ami.org/membership), create an account, and fill out the online application. Depending on your background, additional documents may be needed:

## **1. Sponsorship letter.**

Applicants are to provide a Sponsor letter written by a current AMI member who has been a Professional Member for at least 5 years or is a Certified Medical Illustrator. If you need assistance identifying a Sponsor, check the box in the application and AMI headquarters will arrange for an AMI Professional Member to serve in this role. When approaching a Sponsor, you may refer them to [this page](#), which describes the Sponsor's role. Graduates of [CAAHEP accredited programs](#) are encouraged to use a faculty member as their Sponsor. The Sponsor will also review the applicant's supporting materials including a professional body of work (see item #2).

## **2. Evidence of work.**

A professional body of work (illustrations or animations) that demonstrate the artistic skill and scientific knowledge of the applicant must be submitted to the Sponsor (e.g., link to online portfolio or website). Graduates of CAAHEP accredited schools may email a copy of their diploma or transcript to [hq@ami.org](mailto:hq@ami.org), instead of submitting a body of work, to satisfy this requirement.

## **3. Letters of recommendation.**

If you did not attend a [CAAHEP accredited graduate program](#), two letters of recommendation must be submitted to the Sponsor, each attesting that the applicant is a practicing medical illustrator/ animator and observes high ethical standards.

## **4. Proof of Membership in another medical illustration association.**

AMI extends Professional Membership to current Professional Members of the Association Européenne des Illustrateurs Médicaux et Scientifiques (AEIMS), current Full Members of the Medical Artists' Association of Great Britain (MAA), and current Practicing Members of the Australian Institute of Medical and Biological Illustration (AIMBI).

If you are a member of one of the above named organizations, please email proof of your membership to [hq@ami.org](mailto:hq@ami.org). No additional supporting documentation or sponsorship is required. Please note: Acceptable proof of membership can be a copy of a current membership certificate or a letter/email from the organization stating your membership within the organization.

## **Questions: [membership@ami.org](mailto:membership@ami.org)**

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