

Junior Member (TC2 – Photonics)

A Junior Member is a specially designated class of TC2 membership intended to involve early-career researchers or professionals who demonstrate strong potential in photonics and measurement science, but who are still in the process of building the professional expertise typically expected of full TC members. The role is structured to encourage their engagement and progression into full membership.

Proposed Criteria and Role

Eligibility

- High-level individuals and PhD students can participate as juniors. Juniors are expected to be under 35 years old.
- Demonstrated interest and some track record in photonics, measurement, instrumentation, or related research (e.g. publications, projects, conference participation).
- Commitment to contribute to TC2 activities (e.g. reviewing abstracts, participating in technical discussions, co-authoring TC event papers).

Rights & Responsibilities

- Can attend all TC2 meetings and participate in discussions (non-voting status unless otherwise approved).
- May serve as reviewer for TC2-sponsored events or sessions under mentorship.
- Encouraged to propose new topics, workshops, or contributions (under guidance of a mentor).
- Expected to contribute at least one technical activity annually (e.g. co-organizing a session, writing a report, presenting preliminary work).
- For TC-organized events, active junior members can receive the same registration discounts offered to active full members.

Mentorship

The TC2 Member who nominates a Junior Member will serve as their mentor, providing guidance until the candidate is eligible for full membership.

Term & Renewal

- Junior Membership is granted until the member reaches the age of 35.
- During this period, the member's performance is periodically reviewed, with consideration given to their contributions, engagement, and demonstrated expertise for potential transition to full membership.
- Upon reaching the age of 35, active Junior Members become eligible for transition to full membership, subject to the standard approval procedures.

Promotion to Full Member

- To qualify for promotion, Junior Members must have demonstrated active engagement, including participation in at least 80% of TC2 meetings (including remote participation where possible).
- Additional criteria include significant technical contributions and continued involvement in TC2 activities.

Nomination & Approval

- Candidates for Junior Member are proposed by current TC2 Members, with a short statement of interest and CV.
- The proposal is reviewed by TC2 Officers.