



Academy of Orthopaedic Physical Therapy Individual Partners Program

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- Policy:** The terms and conditions for becoming an individual partner, business or organization partner.
- Purpose:** To ensure that the AOPT Leadership abides by the stipulations of individual, society or business partnerships within the AOPT
- Scope:** The policy applies to all AOPT leadership roles in their discussions with individuals, societies or businesses regarding partnerships with the AOPT.
- Responsibilities:** The elected and appointed BOD, Elected SIG leadership, Executive Director and Executive Associate and staff.

Criteria for Individual Partners Program:

Partners of the AOPT are not members of the Academy; however, they are eligible for benefits as outlined in the Partnership agreement. Becoming part of the AOPT individual, association or business partnership does not make you a member or partner of the American Physical Therapy Association. **Any PT, PTA or student PT or PTA who is eligible to be an APTA member is not eligible for the AOPT partner program.**

A. AOPT Individual Partner:

1. Any international physical therapist, physical therapist assistant, physical therapy or physical therapy assistant student who lives outside the USA and who is not eligible for APTA membership.
2. Rehabilitation providers (physicians, occupational therapists, speech pathologists, respiratory therapists) who are part of a rehabilitation team in a hospital or other facility, and who are not eligible for APTA membership.

3. Faculty members teaching in a physical therapy program who are not eligible for APTA membership.
4. Individual Partner Benefits
 - a. Online access to full text of the Journal of Orthopaedic and Sports Physical Therapy
 - b. Online access to full text Orthopaedic Physical Therapy Practice
 - c. Access to the AOPT website
 - d. AOPT member discount on Independent Study Courses, educational courses, conferences and more.
 - e. Access to any of the seven AOPT Special Interest Groups
 - f. Becoming a partner of the AOPT does not make you a member of the AOPT or APTA.
5. AOPT partners are prohibited by the Bylaws of the AOPT from participating in activities exclusively reserved for APTA, AOPT members such as voting, and serving as elected or appointed positions.
6. Fees for program participation
 - a. \$100.00/ year. This will cover a single year of benefit costs, and must be submitted at the time of application. This fee is required annually for each successive renewal of Partner status in the AOPT.
7. AOPT partners who fail to pay their fees and complete an application or renewal application annually will be dismissed from the program. Any other acts that go against APTA or AOPT policy, positions, standards, guidelines, or Code of Ethics will be dismissed from the program. No refund of fees is given for dismissal from the program.

REVISION HISTORY

Revision	Date	Description of changes	Requested By
1	07/18/19	Initial Release	AOPT BOD and SIG leadership