

HOW TO FIND A SPONSOR & Code of Ethics Below

A standard begins with a project idea, formally known as a project authorization request (PAR), that is usually sponsored by the IEEE Society taking responsibility for the scope and content of a proposed standard. Before taking on a new standard, the IEEE Standards Board determines if it is needed and if enough participants are likely to step forward to develop it.

IEEE has a large number of sponsors. There are the 42 technical Societies within IEEE. Within those societies, there are often many committees that are already active in standards development. If work falls under the scope of one of these committees, then that's where the work should be taken for further development. This path covers many of the standards projects developed in IEEE.

However, sometimes the work may be in a new area, one that isn't covered by an existing Society or committee. In this case, those seeking a sponsorship would approach the governing body for standards within an IEEE Society to see if they would be willing to sponsor the work. On the other hand, the proposed work may be of interest to members of more than one IEEE Society. The IEEE-SA Standards Board has specific entities known as [Standards Coordinating Committees \(SCCs\)](#) which exist to coordinate standards work that involves more than one society. These intersociety groups often revolve around a particular technical area.

In cases when an IEEE Society or SCC cannot commit to being a sponsor, the [Corporate Advisory Group](#) (for entity standards projects) of the [IEEE-SA Board of Governors](#) can play the role of sponsor.

If you are not sure how to begin, contact the [IEEE-SA Technical Program Development team](#), and they will be able to walk you through finding a sponsor.

A listing of current Sponsor P&P and Sponsor Scopes is available at <https://development.standards.ieee.org/pub/view-sponsor-pnps>

IEEE Code of Ethics

We, the members of the IEEE, in recognition of the importance of our technologies in affecting the quality of life throughout the world, and in accepting a personal obligation to our profession, its members, and the communities we serve, do hereby commit ourselves to the highest ethical and professional conduct and agree:

1. to hold paramount the safety, health, and welfare of the public, to strive to comply with ethical design and sustainable development practices, and to disclose promptly factors that might endanger the public or the environment;
2. to avoid real or perceived conflicts of interest whenever possible, and to disclose them to affected parties when they do exist;
3. to be honest and realistic in stating claims or estimates based on available data;
4. to reject bribery in all its forms;
5. to improve the understanding by individuals and society of the capabilities and societal implications of conventional and emerging technologies, including intelligent systems;

6. to maintain and improve our technical competence and to undertake technological tasks for others only if qualified by training or experience, or after full disclosure of pertinent limitations;
7. to seek, accept, and offer honest criticism of technical work, to acknowledge and correct errors, and to credit properly the contributions of others;
8. to treat fairly all persons and to not engage in acts of discrimination based on race, religion, gender, disability, age, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression;
9. to avoid injuring others, their property, reputation, or employment by false or malicious action;
10. to assist colleagues and co-workers in their professional development and to support them in following this code of ethics.

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- Proposed changes shall have been published in THE INSTITUTE at least three (3) months in advance of final consideration by the Board of Directors, with a request for comment, and
- All IEEE Major Boards shall have the opportunity to discuss proposed changes prior to final action by the Board of Directors, and
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