

Membership Application

Full Name:

Email Address:

Full Address: (including Postcode)

Country:

Profession:

Employment Status:

Employers Full Name and Address:

Qualifications + Awarding College or University:

Brief Work History:

What work are you interested in doing?:

Website/Portfolio Link:

Membership Selection

- ☐ Associate Membership (APGDA) £99 Annually
☐ Full Membership (MPGDA) £150 Annually
☐ Fellow Membership (FPGDA) £200 Annually

**Once you have completed
this form, you should email
it to us at:
join@thepgda.com**

Agreement

By signing here, you are agreeing to the Association's Terms and Conditions.

Signature:

Date:

Membership Terms & Conditions

1. Be at least 18 years of age

- Demonstrate a strong interest or involvement in graphic design, visual communication, branding, or related disciplines.
- Provide evidence of relevant experience, academic qualifications, or current study (e.g. portfolio work, course enrolment, CV).
- Be willing to uphold our values of ethical design, creativity, and continuous learning.
- Have a working proficiency in English to communicate effectively within our global community.

2. Application and Approval

Becoming a member of ThePGDA is more than just filling out a form – it's an invitation to join a respected professional network. The application process includes:

- Completion of the PGDA Membership Application Form in full.
- Submission of a professional portfolio or examples of design work (digital or print).
- An optional submission of a short personal statement outlining why you wish to join and what you aim to contribute to or gain from the association.

Once submitted:

- Each application is reviewed carefully by our admissions team or committee.
- We assess your suitability for membership based on experience, potential, and alignment with PGDA values.
- You will be notified by email of your outcome within 14 working days.
- We may occasionally request a short interview (online) if we feel it would be helpful for your application.

3. Membership Categories

We offer several types of membership to reflect your current stage in the design profession:

- Student Member – for those currently studying graphic design or related fields.
- Associate Member – for early-career designers or those with some training but not yet working professionally.
- Professional Member – for practising graphic designers with experience in the field.
- Fellow Member – awarded to experienced and established professionals who have contributed significantly to the industry.

Each category carries its own level of recognition and associated benefits, including access to exclusive content, mentoring opportunities, and the ability to use post-nominal letters (e.g. MPGDA, FPGDA).

Membership category is determined during the application review process and may be upgraded over time based on your achievements and contributions.

4. Membership Fees

Membership is subject to an annual fee, which helps support the services, opportunities, and community resources offered by ThePGDA.

- The exact fee will be stated in your welcome email based on your category.
- Fees must be paid in full upon acceptance to activate your membership.
- All fees are non-refundable once paid, unless otherwise agreed in writing due to exceptional circumstances.

Members will receive a renewal reminder at least 30 days before expiry. If payment is not received by the renewal deadline, your membership will be suspended until payment is made.

5. Code of Conduct

ThePGDA is built on respect, professionalism, and creativity. As a member, you are expected to:

- Act with integrity, honesty, and professionalism in all creative and professional interactions.
- Avoid plagiarism, misrepresentation, or unethical behaviour.
- Respect fellow members and be a positive representative of the graphic design community.

- Foster a supportive and inclusive atmosphere, both online and offline.
- Protect the reputation of ThePGDA and its members.

Any breach of this code may result in a formal warning, suspension, or permanent removal from the Association, depending on the severity of the matter.

6. Use of PGDA Accreditation

As an active member, you may be entitled to use PGDA branding and recognition tools to promote your professional standing: You may use the official PGDA member badge on your website, portfolio, email signature, and promotional materials. Members are also entitled to use post-nominal letters according to their category:

- Student: SPGDA
- Associate: APGDA
- Professional: MPGDA
- Fellow: FPGDA

This usage is only permitted while your membership is current and in good standing. Misuse or continued use after resignation, suspension, or removal may result in legal action or reputational consequences.

7. Membership Renewal and Cancellation

We understand that life and professional priorities change, so your membership can be managed in a flexible way:

- Your membership must be renewed annually on the date of your original acceptance.
- If you choose not to renew, simply contact us in writing at least 14 days before your expiry date.
- No refunds will be issued for any unused portion of your membership if you cancel partway through the year.
- Members who lapse for more than 90 days will need to reapply and may be charged an administration fee.

If your situation changes and you need more time or wish to discuss payment options, we're happy to talk.

8. Amendments to Terms

To keep our association fair, modern, and relevant, we occasionally update our terms.

- Any changes to these Terms and Conditions will be communicated via email and/or our website.
- It is your responsibility to review updates to ensure you remain compliant with our rules and expectations.
- Continuing your membership after changes are introduced will be taken as your acceptance of the new terms.

9. Privacy and Data Protection

We take your privacy seriously. When you apply to join ThePGDA:

- Your personal data is used strictly for the purpose of managing your membership.
- We will never share your information with third parties without your consent.
- You have the right to request, update, or remove your information from our records at any time.

Full details can be found in our Privacy Policy, which is available on our website.

10. Contact and Support

If you have any questions, need support with your application, or want to get more involved in PGDA activities, we're here to help.

Email: ask@thepgda.com
Website: www.thepgda.com

Final Declaration

By submitting your application Form for the PGDA Membership, you agree to the above Terms and Conditions. You also confirm that all information provided is true and accurate to the best of your knowledge.