

Why Should You Join ATMAE?

ATMAE is the professional association for industrial technology and technology management specialists in academia and industry. Founded in 1967, ATMAE has grown up with and helped define the disciplines of industrial technology and technology management. We have over 1400 members, working and studying at over 150 institutions of higher learning and in companies throughout the U.S. and overseas. ATMAE continues to shape the future for technology-management professionals.



The Association of
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- ATMAE is the specialized accreditor for industrial technology and technology management 2- and 4-year degree programs in the U.S., as recognized by the Council on Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA). ATMAE members know ATMAE accreditation is a “quality tool” and are advocates for using ATMAE accreditation to improve quality and competitiveness in their own academic programs.
- ATMAE operates a professional certification program for technology professionals. Eligibility is based on passing an examination, and certified members report continuing education to maintain their ATMAE Certification. The program is small in terms of numbers but it shares the same attributes as more recognized programs.
- ATMAE has a national conference each year for our members to present research and project activity, attend workshops, see student competitions, go on tours, and network with colleagues.
- ATMAE offers other resources to assist members in their academic work. Members can submit scholarly papers for peer-review in our research journal, *The Journal of Industrial Technology*. ATMAE members can use the membership database and ATMAE Technology Program Directory data for research. The ATMAE conference includes a peer-reviewed “Selected Papers” process to highlight the best of the profession.
- ATMAE recognizes members and technology professionals with annual awards – including the prestigious Outstanding Industrial Technologist award and the Outstanding Early Achievement award for professionals working in industry, Outstanding Faculty and Professor Awards, and the Outstanding Student Chapter award. There are also scholarships for both master and doctoral students.
- ATMAE offers opportunities to get involved with professionals who work in the same field. ATMAE has special interest divisions and focus groups that sponsor projects and conference content of particular interest to specialists in areas such as Construction, Distance Learning & the Internet, Electronics/Electricity & Computer Technology, Graphics, Management, Manufacturing, Research, and Safety.
- ATMAE members receive three issues of the ATMAE member newsletter, the *IT Insider*, each year. The *IT Insider* updates members on divisional activities, student chapters, changes in ATMAE policies and new programs, news about members, new postings to the on-line *Journal of Industrial Technology*, and news about the annual conference and other ATMAE programs.
- The ATMAE website, www.atmae.org, has over 2000 pages of content, from organizational information on leadership personnel, elections and division activities and publications like the online *Journal of Industrial Technology* and the *IT Insider*, to Faculty Demographics Research, a membership listserv, and the ATMAE Career Center, a searchable career service for technology professionals.

As with most professional associations, the value a member perceives is often a very individual calculus, relating to the tangible benefits received, their degree of involvement and the intangibles related to being a member of an association and a member of a community of people involved in the same occupation.