Incorporated as a nonprofit organization in 1966, the Urban and Regional Information Systems Association held its first conference in 1963. URISA is headquartered in the suburbs of Chicago and has numerous chapters and educational programs. URISA developed the GIS Professional Certification program and is a founding organizational member of both the GIS Certification Institute and the Coalition of Geospatial Organizations.

**Our Vision:** URISA connects people and resources in the geospatial community.

**Our Mission:** URISA is a multi-disciplinary geospatial organization that provides professional education and training, a vibrant and connected community, advocacy for geospatial challenges and issues, and essential resources. URISA fosters excellence in GIS and engages geospatial professionals throughout their careers.

**Our Strategic Goals:**
1. Protect, promote and grow the GIS profession.
2. Support GIS professionals at all stages of their careers with essential training and resources.
3. Sustain and strengthen the organization.

For more information, visit www.urisa.org.

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**Educational Institution Membership**
(annual dues $400; pro-rated according to join date and includes membership for two faculty members and up to ten (10) students with additional dues for an unlimited number of student members at only $10 each)

“At the USC Spatial Sciences Institute, we consider our URISA Educational Institution membership essential for keeping our academic programs in sync with the changing demands and expectations upon GIS professionals. We believe that through our contributions to URISA’s program of work, our students and alumni benefit from the opportunities that URISA offers for life-long career development.”

— Susan Kamei, Managing Director, USC Spatial Sciences Institute, Los Angeles, California

**Corporate Partnership**
(comprehensive packages range from $500 to $10,000 and include individual memberships in addition to marketing benefits such as event sponsorship and hosted webinar opportunities)

“The connections and professional education that URISA provides to us at GeoDecisions continues to be invaluable. The more we are involved, the more we have gained. I have seen significant benefits for the company as a whole when my staff is involved with the geospatial community that URISA brings together. I am extremely grateful to the professionals at URISA and the enthusiasm and dedication they bring to our entire community.”

— Brendan Wesdock, M.C.P., GISP, President, GeoDecisions

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Make URISA Your GIS Professional Home — Join Today!

Whether you join URISA as an individual (professional, young professional or student) or as part of an organization membership (government agency, educational institution, corporate or business partner), you receive numerous benefits including:

• Significant discounts on registration fees for URISA-sponsored conferences, the URISA GIS Leadership Academy, and workshops.
• Free webinars.
• Subscriptions to The GIS Professional and URISA Digest.
• Access to the vast electronic URISA Library of conference proceedings, Journal articles, and other resources.
• Advocacy efforts to support and protect the profession.
• Ample opportunities to contribute on URISA Committees and Task Forces (and earn GISP points).
• A 365 day online community, through URISA Connect, to discuss areas of interest, explore solutions and talk over challenges with your peers and leaders in the profession.
• An experienced and welcoming network of professionals.
• ...and so much more!

Individual Membership Categories

• Professional Membership (annual dues $195; pro-rated according to join date)
• Young Professional Membership (annual dues $125; pro-rated according to join date)
• Student Membership (annual dues $20; pro-rated according to join date: must be currently enrolled as graduate students with 9 credit hours or undergrads with 12 credit hours)

"Whether you are new to the industry or a seasoned professional, URISA is the GIS professional organization for you. This organization has allowed me to grow my professional network as well as enhance my teaching and technological expertise through participation in various events. Whether your involvement is with a regional chapter or attending international events, the experience will leave you yearning for more. Try it, I promise you wouldn’t be disappointed."

— Elthron M. Anderson, GISP, Geospatial Technology and Infrastructure Asset Manager, Southgate Water & Sanitation Districts, Centennial, Colorado

Organizational Membership Categories

Instead of joining as an individual, student or young professional member, consider a government agency, corporate partner or educational institution membership.

Individual members within each of the organizational membership packages receive all of the benefits noted previously in addition to additional benefits for the organization.

Government Agency Membership

(annual dues $350; pro-rated according to join date and includes membership for two individual members; additional members may be added at a reduced fee of $150 or $125 for young professionals.)

"When I approached the other individual URISA members from my County about the new government agency membership, there was no hesitation in agreeing for us to realize this amazing opportunity. Not only will we get a modest discount on our memberships but our organization will be represented in the greater GIS community through URISA. We all feel representing our organization in the larger URISA community is our responsibility as GIS Professionals and hopefully through our leadership other organizations will join in as well."

— Doug Adams, GISP, GIS Program Manager, Department of Public Works, Baltimore County, Maryland

"It’s not about what we do; it’s why we do it. I’m here because I’m passionate about GIS as a transformative technology that touches everyone… I want and need to work with my peers in the geospatial community to evangelize GIS. URISA fulfills my Why."

— Thomas P. Fisher, AICP, GISP, GIS Applications Administrator, Cuyahoga County Enterprise GIS, Cleveland, Ohio

"The connections and opportunities URISA has provided me have been overwhelmingly valuable! From having a network of geospatial colleagues to the strategic planning and emerging technology skills I can use as a leader in my organization, URISA returns so much on my membership and time investment that I will always be an active member and volunteer!"

— Ashley Hitt, GISP, Director, GIS Services, Connected Nation, Louisville, Kentucky

For details and application forms, visit https://www.urisa.org/membership