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## ADVOCACY

**NCIS** is a voice and forum for independent scholars, working to improve access to research libraries; encouraging foundations and institutions to open competitions to independent scholars and to include them on review committees; serving as fiscal sponsor for grants; providing information about grants, fellowships, and publishing; connecting independent scholars with one another; facilitating the creation of local organizations of independent scholars and assisting existing local groups.

## MEMBERSHIP

### FULL MEMBERSHIP

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### ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

Scholars who receive institutional support for their research, or who do not yet have a substantial publication record, may be eligible for membership as an Associate Member of **NCIS**. Graduate students, post-docs and other academics are invited to apply for membership at Associate level. Associate members are those with evidence of scholarly production who support the purposes of **NCIS** but may be supported by or receive benefits from an academic institution.

Please contact the Membership Officer at [membership@ncis.org](mailto:membership@ncis.org)

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- **Member Resources**
  - **NCIS** member pages
  - **NCIS.org** e-mail address
  - **NCIS** introductory letters
  - Skills mentoring
  - Peer-reviewed OA journal
- **Grants & Prizes**
  - Elizabeth Eisenstein Essay Prize
  - Pass-through grants
  - **NCIS** Grants to support members' research & conference attendance
- **Member Discounts**
  - JPASS journal access through JSTOR
  - Writing & translation services
  - Nota Bene referencing software
- **Networking Opportunities**
  - **NCIS** Conferences
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### Current Partner groups include:

- **Forum for Independent Research Endeavours (FIRE-UK)** (United Kingdom)
- **Independent Researchers in France / Chercheurs indépendants en France (IRF/CIF)** (France)
- **Independent Scholars Association of Australia** (Canberra, Australia)
- **Institute for Historical Study** (Berkeley, CA)
- **Minnesota Independent Scholars' Forum** (Minneapolis, MN)
- **Northwest Independent Scholars Association** (Portland, OR)
- **Princeton Research Forum** (Princeton, NJ)
- **San Diego Independent Scholars** (San Diego, CA)

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