TYC PI Membership Statement

The Thomas Young Centre (TYC) is an alliance of over 80 London based research groups working to address challenges of society and industry through materials modelling and the theory and simulation of materials. As well as providing an ambitious programme of events and graduate courses, the centre is also a supportive community for research students and young researchers, a source of new collaborations for visiting scientists, and a long-term partner for business and government.

The TYC aims to be a highly intercollegiate and inclusive organisation that welcomes new members from all disciplines; however, a degree of individual commitment to the centre is expected from members to enable the TYC to continue to flourish. The list below describes a guideline of the benefits and commitments to membership of the TYC which we ask members to support.

Benefits of PI membership of TYC

- Participation in relevant joint grant applications and major industrial alliances
- Participation in an exceptionally wide ranging seminar and visitors programme
- A presence on the TYC website; a portal for student recruitment, industrial opportunities and professional profiles.
- A unique academic networking opportunity
- Participation in TYC sponsored workshops, training and outreach
- Dissemination of research throughout the modelling community via events, networking, industrial meetings, the website and mailing lists, helping to strengthen impact statements and future grant applications.

Commitments of PI members of TYC:

- To show willingness to contribute time and effort to the TYC's various activities. This can vary from committee and management work to help in organising seminars.
- Appropriate involvement in major programme grant writing and the effort to sell TYC to industry
- To contribute to the TYC website and outreach activity
- To facilitate and promote student participation in the TYC
- Where relevant, to include an acknowledgement of the TYC in journal publications in either the address byline or in the acknowledgement section.
- By default, upon becoming a member, the postdocs and PhD students of PI members will also become members. They are also encouraged to take part in TYC events to benefit from the access to expertise and the networking opportunities within the Centre. We ask that PIs either inform the local TYC administrator of new or changing PhD Students and/or postdocs, or that you encourage these group members to get in touch directly, so that we can add them to the TYC mailing list to be informed of upcoming events and opportunities.

Please note: The TYC is not seeking to be too prescriptive in listing obligations and benefits, particularly since another key attribute of the TYC is its friendliness and flexibility; benefits of the bottom up approach that has built the TYC. The "PI membership" idea seeks a practical route to ensure those who benefit most are "roughly" those who contribute most.