ISTQB® Academia Recognition Program

Information Sheet and Guidelines

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1 INTRODUCTION

The ISTQB® Academia Recognition Program recognizes individual lecturers at universities and technical schools who integrate ISTQB® materials into their teaching curriculum.

ISTQB® aims to strengthen its relationship with educators by providing a partnership model that fosters collaboration, knowledge sharing, and access to software testing education. This program acknowledges the contributions of academic professionals in preparing students for industry-recognized ISTQB® certifications.

Unlike the corporate partner program, this initiative is tailored for **individual lecturers** rather than institutions and currently does not involve any membership fees.

2 BENEFITS OF JOINING IN THE ACADEMIA RECOGNITION PROGRAM

By participating in the ISTQB® Academia Recognition Program, lecturers gain access to various benefits depending on their badge, including:

- Recognition as an ISTQB® Academia Partner, demonstrating commitment to software testing education.
- Permission to use the ISTQB® Academia Recognition Program Logo in course materials and personal academic profiles.
- Access to early versions of new ISTQB® syllabi, providing an opportunity to contribute to content review.
- Listing as an Academia Recognition Program granted on the ISTQB® website, showcasing the lecturer's affiliation.
- Networking opportunities with other academic professionals and industry experts within the ISTQB® community.
- Special invitations to ISTQB® events and conferences, such as the ISTQB® Conference Network.

3 DETERMINING ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To qualify for the ISTQB® Academia Recognition Program, applicants must meet the following requirements:
- Be an **active lecturer or professor** at a university, technical- or high- school.
- Integrate **ISTQB® materials** (e.g., syllabi, certification topics, test techniques) into course curricula.
- Demonstrate a **commitment to promoting ISTQB® certifications** to students.
- Provide proof of activity at an academic institution.

Unlike the corporate partner program, there are no certification point requirements for eligibility.

4 HOW TO APPLY

Individual lecturers can apply for the ISTQB® Academia Recognition Program by following these steps:

1. **Complete the Academia Recognition Application Form**, available on the ISTQB® website or through an ISTQB® Member Board:
   a) **Provide proof of academic activity**, such as an official letter from the institution.
   b) **Describe how ISTQB® materials are incorporated into teaching**, including relevant courses and topics covered.
   c) **Send the completed application** to the designated ISTQB® contact point (Member Board or ISTQB® Academia Working Group).

2. Once approved, the applicant will receive **official recognition and the ISTQB® Academia Recognition badge**.

5 VALIDITY, UPGRADE AND PREMATURE TERMINATION

- The ISTQB® Academia Recognition badge is valid for **one year.**
- Validity will be checked **annually** by the Academia Working Group, and an updated application form will be required.
- If there are **significant changes in teaching scope**, the lecturer must inform ISTQB® Academia.
- Renewal is free of charge, provided the lecturer continues to meet the eligibility criteria.

6 USE OF ISTQB® ACADEMIA RECOGNITION BADGE

As an ISTQB® Academia Recognition, lecturers are granted permission to use the ISTQB® Academia Recognition badge under the following conditions:

- The badge may be displayed in **lecture materials, personal academic web pages, and conference presentations**.
- It must not be used in a way that misrepresents affiliation with ISTQB® or suggests institutional endorsement.
- Any misuse of the logo may result in the **revocation of the Academia Recognition status**.

The logos for the various ISTQB® Recognition badges are:

7 UPDATES TO THESE REGULATIONS

ISTQB® reserves the right to update these regulations as necessary. Any changes will be communicated to all Academia Recognition at least **three months in advance** of enforcement.