

**South Central Climate Science Center (SC-CSC) Affiliate Program
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Section I – Affiliate Definition

An Affiliate of the SC-CSC is a person whose professional activity, including research or education, contributes to the goals and mission of the Center. Affiliates must either belong to one of the seven member institutions that comprise the SC-CSC consortium*, be listed as an individual partner in the original SC-CSC proposal, or be selected by the Executive Committee to enhance strengths in key areas.

Affiliate status confers immediate notification of annual or supplemental calls for proposals from the CSCs, an invitation to the annual SC-CSC Science Workshop, a listing on the SC-CSC website with a description of research interests, and involvement in ongoing SC-CSC activities and workshops. Additionally, Affiliates may request to feature their research and publications on the SC-CSC website and Facebook page.

The SC-CSC will strive to maintain a diversity of specializations and backgrounds within the Affiliate Program.

* The University of Oklahoma, Texas Tech University, Louisiana State University, The Chickasaw Nation, The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, Oklahoma State University, and NOAA'S Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Lab.

Section II – Affiliate Selection

Candidates for the Affiliate Program from a consortium institution may nominate themselves by submitting a paragraph of interest and a short list of relevant publications and/or professional activities to their institution's Executive Committee member or their designated alternate (here-after referred to as "institution point of contact"). Institution points of contact reserve the right to solicit additional information from the applicant or decline applications outright. Each institution's point of contact will be responsible for forwarding applications that they approve of in a timely manner to the Secretary.

Voting members of the Executive Committee will receive a compiled packet of approved candidates for the Affiliate Program on a quarterly basis based on the start of the grant year (March 1). A two-week evaluation period will be given during which members may voice their assent or dissent for candidates with a lack of a vote being counted as an assent. Votes must be unanimous for promotion to Affiliate. The Secretary will write a formal letter acknowledging the success, or lack thereof, in regards to the candidate's application.

Section III – Amendments to Affiliate Program

This document may be altered, amended, or repealed and a new Affiliate Program may be adopted through a majority vote of the Executive Committee.