



SAEM Academies* and Interest Groups are now free!

What does this mean to me?

It means you may now join as many SAEM academies* and [interest groups](#) as you would like, and you will not have to pay a penny to do so! It's just one of the ways we're working to stretch your dues dollars and increase the value of your SAEM membership!

Does this apply to me?

Any SAEM member is eligible for free academy and interest group memberships for 2019. Free memberships cannot be applied retroactively; reimbursement will not be given for academy and interest group membership dues that have already been paid for 2018 or previous years.

When does this change take effect?

If you are an academic year member or a member whose institution pays your dues, you may log into your account online beginning October 1, 2018 and click on the "Update (+/-) Academies and Interest Groups" button in your SAEM membership profile.

If you pay your own dues, and your SAEM membership runs on a calendar year, you will see the new **free** academies and interest groups on your next invoice starting in early October.

Why is SAEM doing this?

- Great content is being created by our academies and interest groups, and we want to put it into the hands of more people.
- Two words: Leadership Development. Exposing more of our membership to volunteer positions helps build an extremely strong pipeline of future leaders for SAEM.
- By making academy* and interest group memberships free, we remove financial barriers for faculty and especially for residents and medical students (our next generation of EM academicians and leaders).
- Free access to academies* (and interest groups!) means an expansion of networking and mentoring opportunities for SAEM members at all stages of their careers, and more opportunities for members at all professional levels to work synergistically to advance academic emergency medicine.

How many academies may I join for free?

This offer applies only to the seven academies* listed below. You may add (or remove) as many of the seven academies* as you wish, at any time. Just [log into](#) your profile and click on the "Update (+/-) Academies and Interest Groups" button to do so. By the way...[Interest Groups](#) are also free!

- [Academy for Diversity & Inclusion in Emergency Medicine \(ADIEM\)](#)
- [Academy of Emergency Ultrasound \(AEUS\)](#)
- [Academy of Geriatric Emergency Medicine \(AGEM\)](#)
- [Academy for Women in Academic Emergency Medicine \(AWAEM\)](#)
- [Clerkship Directors in Emergency Medicine \(CDEM\)](#)
- [Global Emergency Medicine Academy \(GEMA\)](#)
- [Simulation Academy](#)

What happens going forward?

There's no more annual renewal process. As long as your SAEM dues remain current, you remain a member of an academy unless you [log into](#) your member profile and opt out by clicking on the blue "Update (+/-) Academies and Interest Groups" button and unchecking the box. So, once an academy member, always an academy member, unless *you* choose otherwise.

***Excludes AAAEM. AAAEM's new membership categories and benefits can be found [here](#).**