

What Is AECT?

The Association for Educational Communications & Technology is the leading international organization of its kind. The mission of the association is to provide leadership in educational communications and technology by linking professionals holding a common interest in the use of educational technology and its application to the learning process.

Who Belongs to AECT?

AECT members are people who need to keep up with changing technology for education and training, including:

- Media Specialists
- College and University Faculty
- K-12 Classroom Teachers
- Librarians
- Instructional Designers
- Corporate/Military Trainers
- Learning Resource Specialists
- Curriculum Developers
- Communications Specialists
- Education Administrators
- School Network Administrators

How Long has AECT Been at the Forefront of Technology?

Unique among technology organizations, AECT has provided more than 70 years of service and innovation. We've grown up with technology, advocating its integration into education from blackboards to interactive video and hypermedia.

AECT began as a department of the National Education Association in 1923. In 1947, the organization supported educators as they adapted to train World War II service personnel. In 1974, AECT achieved independence.

Today, more than 3,000 professionals rely on this organization as they embrace new methods, new equipment and new techniques in the fast-changing field of education and technology.

Why Join AECT Now?

Join AECT and you'll increase your effectiveness, your expertise and your skills. You will also enhance your professional standing and earning potential. All within a dynamic and growing organization, open to your ideas and suggestions.

What Does AECT Offer Its Members?

The association's broad range of advantages includes:

- Annual International Conference with over 300 educational sessions and workshops
- Access to Technology + Learning Exposition (in partnership with NSBA)
- Seven special-interest divisions and two special-interest councils
- Summer Leadership Institute

- Acclaimed publications, such as *TechTrends*,
Educational Technology Research & Development and
Quarterly Review of Distance Education
- Discounts on books and media
- AECT listserv discussion group
- Membership newsletter E-News
- Web site with the latest Association activities
- On-line job placement listings
- Low-cost insurance through Forrest T. Jones
- On-line Membership Directory
- Affinity card (with credit approval)
- Membership ID card
- Internships
- Awards and scholarship programs