



## KUALI FOUNDATION MEMBERSHIP

Foreword:

The Kuali Foundation Inc. was incorporated in May 2006 to foster the continued development of the Kuali software projects (e.g., Kuali Financial System, Kuali Coeus, Kuali Student, Kuali Rice, Kuali OLE, Kuali Ready, Kuali People Management for the Enterprise, etc.) and the community. The Foundation is a nonprofit organization incorporated within the State of Indiana. The use of the term “member” or “membership” shall in no way create a legal partnership between the Kuali Foundation and any or all of its members.

### Section 1: Mission

**MISSION:** The Kuali Foundation is responsible for sustaining and evolving a collaborative environment to deliver open source administrative software that meets the needs of all Carnegie Class institutions. Its members are colleges, universities, commercial firms and interested organizations that share a common vision of open, modular, and distributed systems for their software requirements.

### Section 2: Objectives

The Kuali Foundation Members provide financial support to the Kuali Foundation which coordinates activities and services for the Kuali community. The objectives of the Kuali Foundation include working to:

- actively develop a large, self-sustaining community of organizations, academic and commercial, and individuals that share the Kuali Foundation’s community source vision for leveraging the economics and innovation of common enterprise software
- enable discussion of strategic directions for the Kuali Community as it evolves, focusing on the opportunities of community source development of software in the administrative and research community of higher education
- provide support for key Kuali Foundation staff that help coordinate efforts of the Kuali Community
- establish and maintain a Kuali roadmap describing the timing and features directions for Kuali software releases so that implementers can make local plans and commitments
- provide in-depth developer and adopter training to the Kuali community
- develop a leveraged support infrastructure for cross-institutional Kuali knowledge
- provide a marketplace for the sharing and exchange of Kuali-based tools that will run in the Kuali framework
- coordinate activities with other organizations, such as AACRAO, NCURA Jasiq, NACUBO, EDUCAUSE, SAKAI and regional or country-level agencies
- build on the experiences of other open source communities with community development, training and conferences, and to facilitate Kuali community sharing of best practices in development, implementation, and support

## **Section 3: The KualI Foundation Commitment**

The KualI Foundation will:

Provide a legal home for the KualI community and the various KualI software products as we move into the future.

Manage and maintain a KualI community website, wikis, discussion groups, workgroups, mailing lists and any other tools that will provide Members with timely information on the KualI software products and activities at other Member sites, and to leverage shared economies in KualI development and user support throughout the KualI Community.

### **Section 3a: KualI Conferences and Workshops**

The annual KualI Days Conference and semi-annual KualI Community Workshop will have opportunities for training software developers/implementers, discussions by functional and technical practitioners and sessions of interest to administrative staff covering KualI strategy and futures. Members may send both developers and functional staff to each meeting for formal training in the KualI software by the lead technical and functional staff (member employees, consultants, or other contractors) of the KualI Foundation. The focus will be on developing KualI functional software as well as related infrastructure components and understanding the KualI software tools for local integration. Members may also send representatives as participants in the other sessions. The KualI Conferences and Workshops will also provide an opportunity to engage in sessions related to policies, best practices and training series related to the constituent KualI initiatives.

### **Section 3b: KualI Foundation Board Elections**

The KualI Foundation Board consists of members who are elected by the KualI Foundation Member Representatives and the KualI Commercial Affiliates, and of members who are appointed, per the KualI Foundation Bylaws. A representative from each member organization is entitled to vote in the KualI Foundation Board elections. The Board elects its officers.

### **Section 3c: Institutional Representation in Community Prioritizations**

As the KualI Community develops, there are increasingly occasions where the Foundation seeks guidance from its Members. The development of priorities for general software directions is an example, where a mechanism has been developed to gather community requirements and poll the community on their prioritization. On these occasions the Members may be asked to provide institutional level input on such issues.

## **Section 4: Member Commitment**

The KualI Foundation is not a vendor of KualI systems, and Members must think of their role in the Foundation as being stakeholders in the evolution of the software and community. Thus, based on local priorities at their home institution, Members are encouraged to:

- Participate fully in KualI Conferences, Workshops and activities (covering their own travel expenses)
- Participate fully in the KualI Foundation Board elections
- Designate project point persons to participate in KualI Projects
- Share back with the KualI Community
- Participate in the KualI community by providing constructive and timely feedback regarding KualI Community activities
- Actively direct and shape the community to meet the needs of member institutions
- Act as advocates for KualI within their respective institutions, and the larger community
- Provide timely feedback to the KualI community and staff on any KualI-related activities undertaken locally
- Tender dedicated staff to KualI Projects
- Pay membership dues in a timely manner

## **Kuali Foundation Membership Agreement**

The Kuali Foundation Members (hereinafter called the "Members") has been established by the Kuali Foundation. Each Member agrees to participate in the Program as follows:

1. Member agrees to pay an annual Membership fee per the schedule in Appendix A.
2. Member agrees to become a Member for an initial period of a minimum of 3 years.
3. Member agrees to participate in the Kuali community as described above.
4. Member will advise the Administrator in writing of the individual assigned as the Member representative to the Foundation.
5. Member may consult with the other Members and attend meetings as described above.
6. Member agrees to bear all costs associated with its participation in the Foundation.
7. Member understands that dues to the Foundation will be added to dues from other Members and therefore Member will receive no individual financial reports concerning the disposition of the dues provided.
8. This agreement may be renewed upon written mutual consent of the parties any time prior to the completion of the 3 year period.
9. This agreement may be terminated by the Kuali Foundation upon thirty (30) days written notice. Financial obligations to the Kuali Foundation will be settled on a pro-rated basis with any excess prepayment returned to Member.
10. The Designated Foundation Administrator is: Jennifer Foutty, Executive Director, Kuali Foundation, Cyberinfrastructure Building, 2709 E 10<sup>th</sup> St. Bloomington, IN 47408.

Designated Representative of Member:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Member agrees to participate in the program for the 3 years beginning \_\_\_\_\_ (Date).

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Member Officer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

Checks should be made payable to the "Kuali Foundation" and sent to the Program Administrator designated above. If preferred, the Kuali Foundation will generate an invoice with payment information for membership dues upon receipt of the executed agreement, and on the two subsequent anniversaries of the agreement.

Payment is enclosed  
 Please invoice Billing Contact designated below

Contact Information:

The information requested below is for administrative purposes.

Primary Contact (if different from designated member):

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Contact:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Country: \_\_\_\_\_

## Appendix A

### KUALI FOUNDATION MEMBERSHIP FEES – Updated July 2006

The Kualu Foundation is the first opportunity for colleges, universities, commercial, and other not-for-profit organizations to join the Kualu Foundation and influence the direction of Kualu's important mission. Members will have influence on the future of the organization and software through voting rights to determine the board of directors, and functional/technical priorities.

Colleges and universities differ in their need for and ability to contribute to the Kualu community, and no pricing structure could perfectly account for all these differences. The Kualu Foundation Board recognizes these differences and prices membership based on annual budget (all sources) for single campus memberships. Members join for an initial three year commitment.

<u>Annual Budget (all sources)</u>	<u>Annual Dues</u>
(Check applicable rate)	
___ Over \$750M	\$ 24,500
___ \$500M-750M	\$ 14,500
___ \$250M-500M	\$ 9,500
___ Less than \$250M	\$ 4,500
___ Foundations	\$ 14,500
___ Corporations	\$ 20,000

In addition to the above fees, members are also encouraged to tender appropriate staff resources to Kualu Projects for specific periods of time. For example, a college or university might assign a staff member to work under the direction of the Kualu Board on a specific feature or need. These can include functional, technical, support, or administrative staff. As a community-based project, doing work is a primary path to influence, quite apart from the significant expertise it builds for the institution, by working alongside other high-level professionals.