

Membership Benefits

The NAF network receives ongoing support from a national team, including opportunities for professional development, networking, corporate partnerships, grants, and more. Academy stakeholders have exclusive access to an array of resources to develop high-quality career academies. NAF invests significantly in innovative research to track student performance and learning outcomes to enhance NAF’s design and better prepare students for future success. The annual membership fee allows NAF to continue to invest in providing students with access and opportunity, though fees represent less than 10% of the cost of service delivery. Available support includes the following service categories:

Academy Development

- Dedicated Portfolio Manager who acts as the primary point of contact for academy support
- Academy Support Hub with curated resources to support implementation of the NAF design
- Access to teacher and student resources including curriculum, NAF Expeditions, and recommendations for industry certifications
- Technical assistance with NAF’s online platforms
- Development of a work-based learning program
- Resources and best practices for advisory board development and employer engagement
- NAF sponsored webinars and trainings
- NAF’s premier annual professional learning event, NAF Next, with reduced hotel costs
- Marketing and communications assistance and resources for publicity, branding, and marketing

NAFTrack Certification

- NAF employability credential that acts as NAF’s seal of college and career readiness
- Students participate in the full continuum of activities in our outcomes-driven work-based learning approach, resulting in students mapping out careers, industry partner validation of their future ready skills, and building professional connections to increase their social capital

Partnership Activation

- Access to exclusive work-based learning opportunities with NAF’s national partners
- Access to academy networking events with national partners
- Grant and funding opportunities
- Access to scholarship opportunities provided by NAF’s national employer partners
- National partner sponsored internship opportunity by theme and/or geography
- Alumni and employer connections
- NAF Alumni Mentorship Program

Data-Driven Tools & Resources

- Annual quality level process to assess the alignment of academy practices with NAF’s design and improve academy outcomes
- Academy Action Planning Tool for real-time collaboration between NAF and the academy team
- Work-Based Learning Participation Tracker to monitor and report on individual student participation across the full continuum of work-based learning activities
- Work-Based Learning Student Reflection Tool to monitor impact
- Skills Feedback Tool to capture industry partner feedback on students’ skills across work-based learning activities
- Student Internship Assessment
- NAF Annual Student Survey to capture the NAF experience and its impact directly from students for improvement