

# JOIN. NETWORK. SUCCEED.

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## Overview

### ABOUT THE CLUB

The Illinois Technology Foundation (ITF) Student Technology Club (STC) is an all-inclusive organization focused on promoting and advancing information technology college students in Illinois. STC encourages all individuals interested in the career advancement of students to join the Club. This includes students, faculty and IT professionals. The STC is free to join; there is no membership fee. The STC recognizes and will collaborate with other technology student clubs in Illinois.

### WHY JOIN A PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION?

- Participating in a professional organizations hones your business and professional skills.
- Membership provides you with the opportunity to network with experienced IT professionals.
- Attending meetings allows you to get exposure to the hiring community.
- Employers look favorable to students that belong to professional associations.
- Active participation as an Ambassador allows you to exercise and demonstrate your leadership skills.

### AITP CHICAGO

STC is affiliated with AITP Chicago; this provides access for STC members to participate in AITP local chapter and national programs. STC is affiliated with the Association of Information Technology Professionals (AITP). AITP was founded in 1951 and is one of the largest professional association in the country with over 5,000 members. Student membership is on \$30 and provides access to all of the professional development opportunities offered by AITP. Check out AITP Chicago at [www.aitpchicago.com](http://www.aitpchicago.com).

### FIFTY FOR THE FUTURE®

The Annual **Fifty For The Future**® Celebration recognizes exceptional students with an interest in and potential to use technology in innovative ways. The **Fifty For The Future**® Celebration provides encouragement and recognition to students who pursue innovation through technology, providing access to business leaders to showcase their talent. Winners are chosen through a rigorous nomination and judging process, focused on high school through university and graduate level programs. The celebration is attended by industry leaders, judges, winners and their families, Foundation sponsors and other supporters of the technology industry.



## MENTOR PROGRAM

The Mentoring program is a flexible program that allows mentors and mentees to partner and participate without fixed dates for entry or departure from the program. We host 3-4 mentoring events during the school year.

## WEBINARS

STC provides access to free webinars with industry professionals. We focus on those topics that are “hot” in the industry and most relevant to students. Topics include: Becoming a consultant, Internet of Things, Big Data, Power of Networking, Power of Certifications, Finding that First Job, Interviewing Techniques, etc.

## MIXERS

STC organizes mixers during the school year. All STC members are invited to attend, including students, faculty and IT industry practitioners. The mixer is an excellent opportunity to meet people from the hiring community.

## NEWS LETTER

The STC produces a monthly newsletter. The newsletter focuses on news that is important to students. We encourage STC members to share information and become contributors to the content in the news letter.

## SCHOOL AMBASSADOR

As part of the outreach of the Club, we have created a role called the College/University Ambassador. It is a vice president level position in the STC.

### The STC VP Ambassador has the following responsibilities:

Communicate and promote all ITF STC programs and events:

- **Fifty For The Future®**
- Mentoring
- AITP Affiliation
- Webinars
- Guest Speakers
- IT Leadership
- Mixers
- Develop a relationship between ITF STC and schools dean and faculty
- Provide content for the ITF STC newsletter
- Create a web presence on the STC site for their respective school
- Assist in the development of programs to support students in the transition from academia to industry.
- Attend and participate on monthly conference call (<1 hour)

If you are interested in becoming your school’s Ambassador, please contact us at [info@itfstudent.org](mailto:info@itfstudent.org)

## MEMBER BENEFITS

- **Fifty For The Future®**
- Workshops/Mixers with industry leaders
- Mentoring
- Club Newsletter
- Internships
- AITP Affiliation
- Student Resource Center

*Best of all -  
It is FREE to join!*

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tomorrow's technology today's talent