

You'll always find a Mensan around who can help you.

Using an international Mensa service called SIGHT - the Service of Information, Guidance and Hospitality to Travelers- members will be able to quickly link up with people who can help navigate unfamiliar territory. SIGHT enables Mensa members to link up with fellow Mensans in over 40 countries. This can be in the form of showing tourists around, or guiding them on where to stay or dine. And the great thing about it all is that Mensans are always happy to help fellow Mensans, wherever they may come from!

You get scholarships aplenty.

Mensa NZ offers 2 scholarships each year.

In addition many international Mensa Scholarships are open to Mensa New Zealand members. The Mensa Foundation's scholarships, for instance, are specifically for international members attending colleges outside of the US.

You have special interests ?

One of Mensa's stated purposes is to promote stimulating intellectual and social opportunities for its members. And since members love to learn more about what piques their interest, Mensa encourages them to join or create Special Interest Groups, or SIGs.

SIGs exist online or locally, and you can join as many as you like wherever it may be. There are SIGs for cosplay, chess, gardening, photography, ramen, running, and probably whatever quirky interest you may have.

You get to join national and international gatherings

Initially intended as a meet and greet, Annual Gatherings have expanded to become a venue to reconnect with members and be updated on what's new in the national chapter.

International gatherings have grown to become a heterogeneous collection of programs, forums, games and entertainment, and is the perfect excuse to travel with other Mensa members.

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Why should I join?



Mensa

it's more than you think.



What do you get from being a Mensa member?

It's an often-asked question that, admittedly, can often be quite a challenge to answer. But that's because the benefits that you get from Mensa membership are quite nuanced. You do not just get one single big thing out of it. Rather, you get a lot of little things that, taken together, add up to a whole lot of value. Not just for your professional life, but for your personal life as well!

So how does being a Mensa member benefit you?

You get a genius-level professional network.

Members come from diverse backgrounds and professions, but being able to think on the same frequency allows members to work together. They may even point you towards new, out-of-the-box directions that you need for work. Mensa members include everyone from students to military men & women, lawyers, BPO agents, IT specialists, doctors,

writers, entrepreneurs, educators, media practitioners, and even a pastor (or two).

Mensans do have a reputation for being critical thinkers, which is a skill that is sought after by high-value-creating firms. For instance, one Mensan who is the owner of a successful online security service confides that their firm prioritizes applicants who are also Mensa members as Mensans have a reputation for doing quality technical work.

So if you're seeking a network that gives you access to technical and professional excellence, then Mensa is a smart starting point for you. And since Mensa is an international society, your potential network can really span far and wide!

You get that extra boost of confidence.

Zabeda Abdul Hamid of Malaysian Mensa thought she wasn't as clever as the rest of her family. "After I took the Mensa test and passed, I realized that maybe I did have something to offer to the community. I became more confident, more sociable, and I took the opportunity to learn more things. It was basically a change in the mindset - psychologically and emotionally."

"At the same time, the interesting information and knowledge that I gained from other Mensans as well as experiences when I attend the Mensa gatherings have also equipped me with better teaching methods and information for my students. So indirectly, yes, I do think that Mensa has helped me in my profession."

You get a family wherever you go.

Tinka Herrera, a long-time member of Mensa Philippines, moved to Kuala Lumpur for a short-term work assignment and some of the first friends she made there were through the local Mensa chapter. "It helped a lot because I didn't really know anyone in KL.

The first couple of weeks were pretty lonely. Knowing like-minded locals who were so nice and fun to talk to really helped me settle in. They took me to a lot of good local (and sometimes out of the way or hidden food places) that I would never have found on my own! I've met lots of new people to have adventures with through Mensa, and I now consider them some of the best friends I've made!"

Mensa members always have something in common despite the differences in culture, religion, or even political affiliation. This rings true for Cedric Mabilotte, a social entrepreneur and a member from France. He has met Mensa members outside his chapter through his travels, including the Philippines. "There are so many important aspects to consider when we self-reflect, like understanding that it is normal to be different, or that we all process things differently. Thanks to Mensa, I met other crazy people around the planet who can relate to these same thoughts."