



Joining the NGS — A Quickstart Guide

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New sites are invited to join the NGS. Information regarding joining the NGS can be found at <http://www.ngs.ac.uk/guide/>. Sites can join as partners or affiliates. The requirements of these different categories of joining are described in the NGS Baseline Service Description document (<http://www.ngs.ac.uk/man/documents/NGS-Baseline.pdf>).

The NGS Joining process is described in the NGS Joining Guide ([http://www.ngs.ac.uk/man/documents/NGS Partner and Affiliates joining procedure.pdf](http://www.ngs.ac.uk/man/documents/NGS_Partner_and_Affiliates_joining_procedure.pdf)). New sites will be assigned a “buddy” who will assist the sites through the joining process. the Joining Guide outlines the responsibilities of the joining site and the buddy through the process.

An important part of the joining process is for the joining sites resources to conform to a minimum standard described in the NGS Minimum Software Stack document ([http://www.ngs.ac.uk/man/documents/NGS Minimum software stack.pdf](http://www.ngs.ac.uk/man/documents/NGS_Minimum_software_stack.pdf)).

The NGS Conformance tests are run against joining sites and are used for automated testing and monitoring of all NGS sites. Details of the current NGS conformance test scripts can be found at http://www.ngs.ac.uk/ops/NGS_GITS.html.

Sites can apply to join the NGS from the NGS site application web form. A link to this form can be found at <http://www.ngs.ac.uk/guide/>.