



Student Membership

BCS, The Chartered Institute for IT

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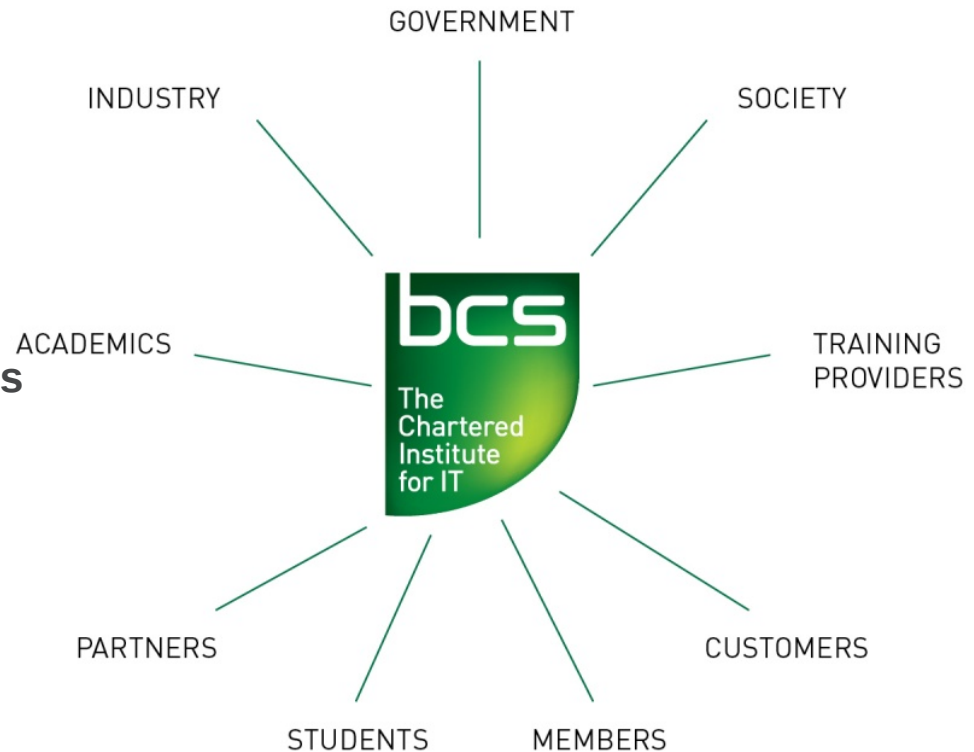
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For a background film please visit:

<http://www.bcs.org/content/conWebDoc/32125>

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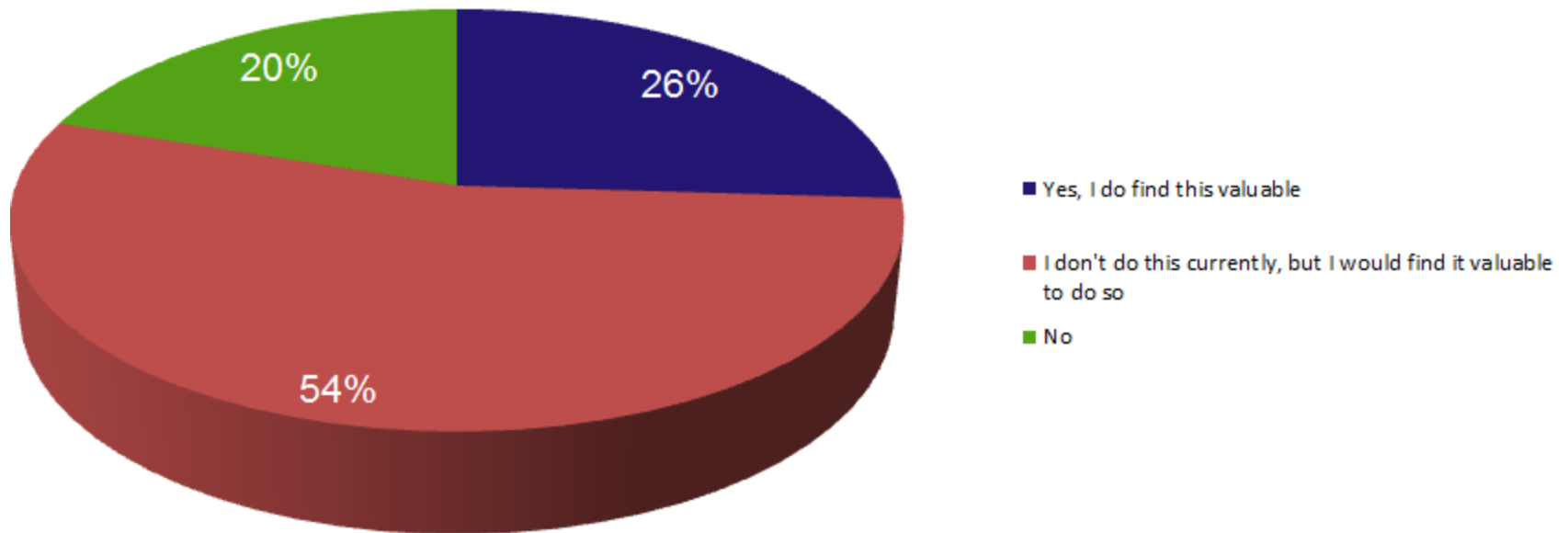
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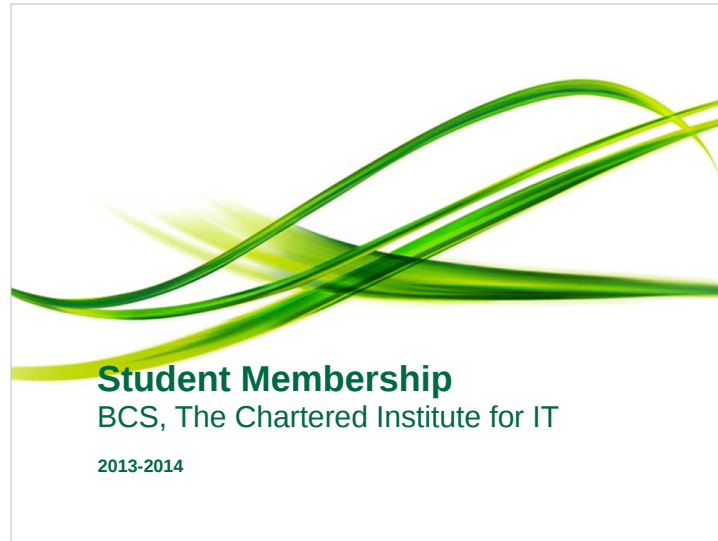
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For more information and to apply:

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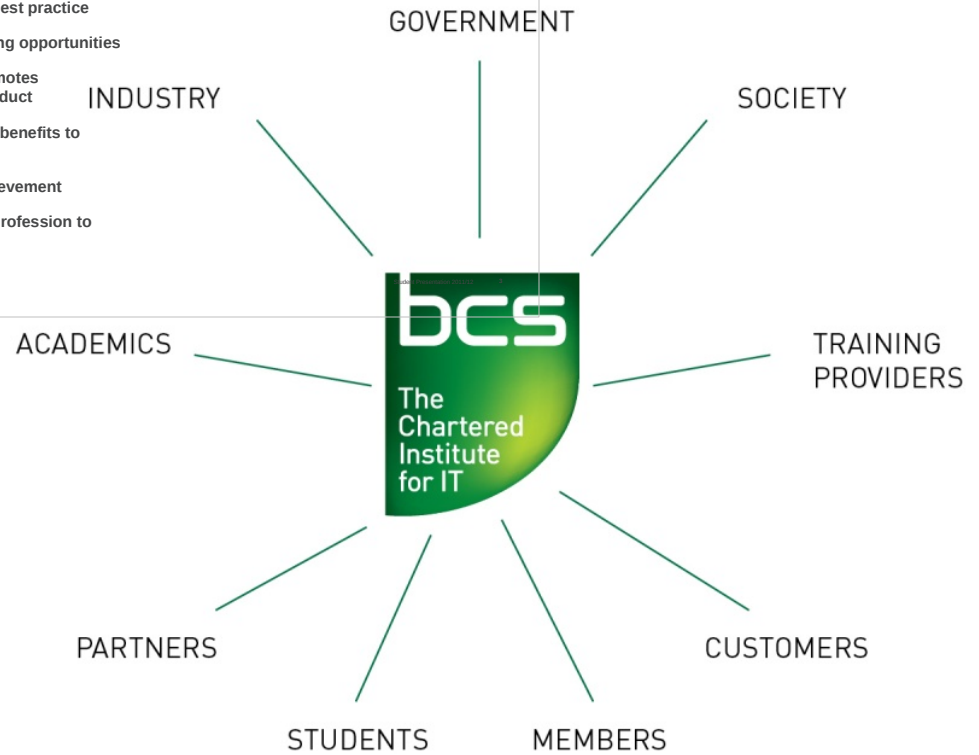
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As the professional body develops, so does its range of functions:

- To establish a code of conduct to regulate the way in which its members behave, with disciplinary procedures for members who breach the code.
- To share knowledge of new developments and good practice, via publications, conferences, forums, internet
- To set standards of education and skills as requirements which must be met by those wishing to join the professional body.
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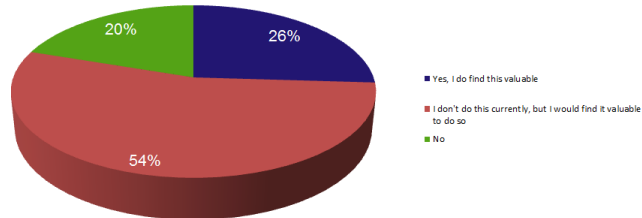
Branches - BCS has branches all over the UK and International Sections which hold regular meetings on diverse subjects within the field of IT. They have a programme of regular social events and award programmes which enable BCS members to maintain contact with other professionals in their area, keep abreast of current developments.

Specialist Groups – From over 40 Specialist Groups to take advantage of during your study and beyond. They act as a technical network covering a wide range of subjects such as Artificial Intelligence, Business Information Systems, Information Security, Electronic Publishing, Software Testing. They allow you to meet and network with professionals working in your technical area, and are a great source of information, especially whilst you're studying.

YPG - As a BCS member you're automatically entitled to membership of the YPG - the largest networking group within the Institute, giving you opportunity to meet with active and interested students like yourselves. They're an energetic group who work collectively on a variety of initiatives throughout the UK, including soft skills events & recruitment shows which attract some of the nations top employers.

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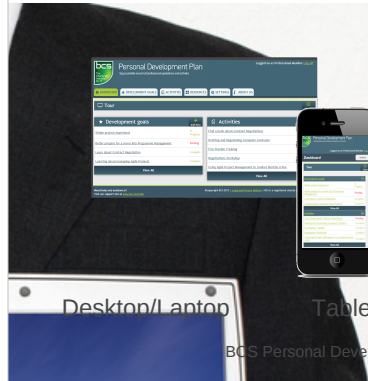
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90% of those who already ask for CPD goals and activities of applicants (in addition to qualifications and courses listed on CVs) stated it is valuable for them to do so.

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