Student Branch – Section Collaboration

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What is an IEEE Section?

Members of IEEE automatically become members of their local IEEE Section, allowing them to share technical, professional, and personal interests with others in the worldwide member community of IEEE.
Who is in your IEEE Section?

A Section is the basic operating organizational unit of IEEE constituted by a minimum of 50 IEEE voting members and established with the approval of the MGA Board by petition of those who live/work in relatively close proximity to be served by activities that meet their needs and further the missions of IEEE.
How can you connect?

Step 1:
Visit myIEEE and MemberNET Rolodex to connect with your Section members: http://www.ieee.org/membership_services/membership/my_ieee.html

Step 2:
Proactively reach out to Section leaders via email or by attending local events to display what your Student Branch is doing and what assistance you need!

Step 3:
Inquire about opportunities for you to learn more about being involved in your Section even as a Student Member!
What is the value?

IEEE members are committed to the same global goal – you will be adding value to this by making new connections, developing new projects, and engaging with other like-minded leaders.

Engaging with leaders locally, ultimately developing global partnerships to foster continued improvement.
Building Relationships...

- Student membership is the beginning of your IEEE relationship – engage with your Section

- Multiple vectors for benefits and opportunities: e.g., Student Branches, Section meetings, myIEEE / IEEE memberNet

- IEEE provides professional development support and recognition throughout your career
Develop professional networks

Enhance presentation skills in low risk environments

Develop management skills, e.g., leading without authority

Leveraging seasoned IEEE members

Committee experience
  - Managing projects
  - Managing people

Volunteer Opportunities...

Volunteers are an essential part of the IEEE organization. IEEE members who volunteer their skills and time take pride in knowing that they play an important role in an organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for all.

Becoming an IEEE volunteer can be a gratifying and memorable experience. Whether your skills are suited for organizing conferences and meetings, financial reporting, communicating or maintaining websites, chances are your local Section or Society is in need of someone with your expertise.

Additional opportunities for involvement include standards development, fund raising, awards and educational activities and the development of new products and programs.

As an IEEE volunteer, you can take pride in participating in activities that interest you, while expanding your knowledge of the IEEE, gaining valuable management and leadership skills, and connecting with others in your profession.

How to Volunteer at the IEEE

Getting started:

- Connect with your local IEEE section and chapters
- Learn about the IEEE Educational Activities Board
- Get involved with the IEEE Standards Association
- Organize a conference
- Participate in a technical society or technical council
- Share and promote IEEE technology policy and professional
IEEE Student Branches and local Sections can work together on activities.

- Engage leaders in the mission, benefits, and opportunities of IEEE
- Sponsors activities and events—technical, professional, and humanitarian aspirations
  - Guest speakers
  - Paper contests
  - Local public imperatives
- Fun, too!
  - Social events to bring together students with faculty
  - Pi Day
Networking with your Section...

Connectivity via the IEEE Network

- IEEE Graduates of the Last Decade (GOLD)
- Local IEEE Section & Technical Chapters
- IEEE Societies

Beginning Career Benefits

- IEEE memberNet directory
- IEEE Job Site
- IEEE Mentoring Connection
- Many more… www.ieee.org/myieeee
Why is all of this important?

As a student, the opportunities are endless, but you must create the environment by surroundsing yourself with leaders in the field!
University Programs for Students and Faculty

• IBM – IEEE Smarter Planet Challenge
  – Do you have an innovative solution to a real-world or humanitarian problem?
  – Are you ready to apply your engineering and business skills in order to develop and implement your solution?
  – Entries are now being accepted for creative team-based student projects for the Smarter Planet Challenge. For more details go to:

• Early Career Faculty Development Virtual Mini-Conference
  – Launching a Successful Faculty Career . . . A new resources to address the professional and career needs of early career faculty . . .
  – 15 November from 10 am EDT to 2 pm EDT - Conducted via a virtual platform
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