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California State University, Northridge	University of California, Davis
California State University, Sacramento	University of California, Los Angeles
Central Michigan University	University of California, San Diego
Clemson University	University of Florida, Gainesville
Delta College	University of Hawaii
Duquesne University	University of Houston, Downtown
Eastern Michigan University	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Eastern Pennsylvania Student Chapter	University of Iowa
George Mason University	University of Kansas
Georgia Institute of Technology	University of Maine
Howard University	University of Maryland
Idaho State University	University of Massachusetts - Amherst
Inter-American University of Puerto Rico	University of Miami
Inter-American University, San German Campus	University of Michigan, Flint
Iowa State University	University of Minnesota
La Grange College	University of Missouri, Rolla
Medical College of Ohio	University of Puerto Rico
Mexican Society for Microbiology	University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras Campus
Miami University (Ohio)	University of Rhode Island
Michigan State University	University of Sacred Heart
Michigan Technological University	University of South Carolina Medical School
Montana State University	University of South Florida
North Dakota State University	University of Texas at Arlington
Northern Arizona University	University of Texas at El Paso
Northern Iowa University	University of Virginia
Ohio State University	University of Washington
Ohio University	University of Wisconsin, La Crosse
Ohio-Wesleyan	University of Wisconsin, Madison
Oklahoma State University	University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee
Oregon State University	University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh
Pennsylvania State University	University of Wyoming
Saint Louis University	Utah State University
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## Who is eligible to form a Student Chapter?

Student groups, whether at a single university or made up of students from multiple institutions, are eligible for ASM Student Chapter status. Student Chapters are usually organized by students on an individual campus, but there are also examples of multi-campus student chapters at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. In those cases, students and faculty from two or more campuses can organize themselves into a group, with support from the local Branch.

## How do I start?

1. Decide the scope of membership of your Chapter from the choices described above.

2. Identify a faculty advisor, or, if your group will be composed of students from multiple institutions, seek an advisor directly from the local ASM Branch. In either case, the selected advisor should be familiar enough with the ASM Branch to ensure your Chapter receives the maximum benefit from your affiliation with ASM.

3. Draft a constitution. A sample document is available from ASM by contacting the Membership Department at [membership@asmusa.org](mailto:membership@asmusa.org).

4. After reviewing your constitution with Chapter members and your institution, request sponsorship from your local ASM Branch. Contact information for Branch officers in your area can be found on the ASM website at [www.asm.org/Membership/index.asp?bid=15547](http://www.asm.org/Membership/index.asp?bid=15547). Send a copy of your constitution to the Branch for review.

5. If your Chapter is being organized as a college or university-associated student group, follow any additional guidelines required by your school for establishing a student organization.

6. Pending sponsorship from your Branch your constitution will be sent to ASM Council for approval at the ASM General Meeting. The ASM General Meeting is usually in late May, so application materials should be submitted three weeks before the start of the meeting.

## What kinds of programs can Student Chapters organize?

Student Chapters offer you the opportunity to enrich your learning, educate the local community, find out about the breadth of research in microbiology, explore careers in microbiology, as well as meet other students interested in the area of science that has your interest. Below are suggestions for programs for your Chapter.

### Research

- Have students present their research to peers to either inform the audience, or use as a forum for peer-evaluation and feedback on a presentation before it is given at a scientific meeting.
- Ask a faculty member to give a research talk or to make a presentation on research opportunities available in the department.
- Organize a student poster session at a local Branch meeting.
- Participate in a Branch by organizing a meeting session or selecting a speaker.

### Outreach

- Design a forum to educate the community about contemporary microbiology issues.
- Organize fun laboratory demonstrations for K-12 students.
- Help your local children's museum with microbiology displays and coordinate and/or judge local science fairs.
- Maintain a Chapter website (linked to your Branch and the National web sites)

### Career Development for undergraduate and graduate students

- Invite graduate students, advisers or Departmental seminar speakers to discuss how to apply to graduate schools, how to decide which schools to apply to, life as a graduate student, general guidance, etc.
- Invite in speakers from industry, government, or health-care that work in non-academic fields of microbiology.
- Tailor resume writing and interviewing workshops for microbiology students.
- Create a workshop on grant writing and funding opportunities available.
- Maintain small library of GRE prep books for loan to student members.

### Other

- Schedule a tour of a locally famous microbiology business (winery, beer, cheese).
- Tour a nearby medical school, vet school, graduate school, public health microbiology lab, clinical lab, vet diagnostic lab, state food microbiology/safety lab, water treatment lab, etc.
- Use the library of tapes available from ASM to view a lecture given at the General Meeting on History of Microbiology, the Annual Career Development Forum, brown bag lunch sessions and more.
- Design and sell Chapter t-shirts.
- Plan a social event to meet your fellow microbiology students.

For more information about these and other ideas, check the Membership Section of *Microbe*, ASM's monthly publication ([www.asm.org/microbe/index.asp](http://www.asm.org/microbe/index.asp)). Articles highlighting successful and innovative Student Chapter activities are featured periodically.

## Activity & Funding Resources

The Student Chapter Support Program provides up to \$300 of funding for each ASM Student Chapter. Detailed instructions about how to obtain funding can be found online at [www.asm.org/Membership/index.asp?bid=34883](http://www.asm.org/Membership/index.asp?bid=34883) and clicking on "Student Chapter Support Program Proposal Form" or contact your Branch Representative.

## Contact

For more information about establishing a Student Chapter, Branch Contacts, activities, funding and more, please contact the American Society for Microbiology Membership Department at (202) 942-9289 or by email at [membership@asmusa.org](mailto:membership@asmusa.org)

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